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SUMMARY.

Queen Alexandra has distributed clothing and money among the derelicts of the Thames Embankment.

Her Majesty also sent £100 to the sufferers by the great fire at Arding and Hobbs's drapery store at Clapham.

King Albert, of the Belgians, made his State entry into Brussels yesterday. His Majesty was accorded a great reception in the streets.

During the ceremony of taking the oath in the Chamber of Deputies the socialists attempted to raise a demonstration against the monarchy.

The speech from the throne paid a tribute to the late King Leopold's work in Africa.

Canada has purchased the British cruiser Rainbow as a training ship for operations in the Pacific.

The writs for the elections to the House of Commons will be issued on January 10.

The polling in the boroughs is fixed for January 15, and the country pollings for January 19.

The entire poll will practically be completed by February 1.

Six thousand blousemakers in Philadelphia have struck work for higher wages and the recognition of their union.

Many ladies in New York are boycotting non-union made blouses.

A serious political crisis has occurred at Athens.

The Military League threatens a dictatorship unless M. La Pathios is re-instated as Minister for War.

The native who shot Mr. Jackson, the Collector of Nasik, in the Bombay presidency, came from Aurangabad, with the intention of murdering his victim.

The steamer Rosstrevor, which had been missing in the Irish Sea during the recent gale, has reached port safely.

Sir Robert Perks, M.P. (Liberal), and Mr. J. Ward, M.P. (Labour) have joined the newly-organised Navy League.

Four labourers while working in the cellar of an hotel at Wigan broached a cask of brandy and drank to such excess that they all died.

The members of the staff of the Viceroy of India, who suffered from ptomaine poisoning, are now recovering.

The American Steel Corporation is distributing a bonus of 2,000,000 dollars among the employees.

Mr. Balfour is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his attack of pulmonary catarrh.

Commander Peary has been entertained at a banquet in New York.

He said that a fitting sequel to his discovery of the North Pole would be an expedition to the South Pole.

The strike congress has authorised its representatives to approach the mineowners, with a view to a settlement.

The congress instructed all the waterside workers to continue work, and, where work has been suspended, to resume.

"There is no reason," says Mr. Hughes, "why a settlement should be delayed until the board has come to a decision."

The Burwood Extended, a non-vend mine, is being got ready for work, and it is understood an attempt will be made to work the mine on Wednesday.

The mine is worked with machine labour, and it is rumoured that the men previously employed are willing to return to work.

Work was proceeding steadily at the Lithgow collieries yesterday, and the output continues to improve.

The non-unionists at the Invincible colliery, at Cullen Bullen, have left, owing to the resumption of work by the miners formerly employed.

The first strike pay was made at Kurri Kurri on Thursday—10s per man, and 5s for youths.

It is generally believed among the miners that the strikers are beaten. Distress is becoming more acute.

Despite the recommendations of their executive, the union wharf-labourers did not work yesterday on the Norddeutscher wharf.

In the meantime the company is coaling and loading with the steamer crews.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Poona is expected with coal from Japan on Sunday.

Coal for the Australian Gaslight Company is arriving satisfactorily, and the city gas supply is now assured.

Sir George Reid returned to Sydney from Melbourne yesterday.

Sir George does not intend to make any appointments in the High Commissioner's office until he has settled down in his new position.

Sir George Reid yesterday tendered his resignation as member for East Sydney in the House of Representatives.

In view of the approach of the general elections it is not proposed to hold a by-election.

A deputation from the Evangelical Council asked the Chief Commissioner to continue the cessation of trains and trams on Sunday mornings.

Mr. Johnson replied that unless the views of the deputation were supported by the majority of the public he could not accede to their wishes.

An important earth tremor was recorded at the Sydney Observatory shortly before midnight on Wednesday.

The heads of departments at the Town Hall assembled in the Lord Mayor's room, and conveyed their greetings to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Mr. Eyre Hutson, Colonial Secretary of Fiji, who attended the Wireless Telegraphy Conference in Melbourne, left Sydney for Suva yesterday.

He considers that if a wireless system were installed in the Pacific, it would simplify the work of the High Commissioner.

The gasholder at Katoomba was blown over during a terrific gale yesterday, and the town was in darkness last night.

Much concern prevailed when the collapse of the gasometer became known, storekeepers and householders rushing to buy lamps and kerosene.

Charles Scharff, an employee at a butchering establishment at Enfield, was struck on the head by a piece of timber during Thursday's storm.

His skull was fractured, and he died some hours afterwards.

A selector named Lee, near Upper Colo, is supposed to have been burnt to death in the bush fires.

Mungery station, in the west, comprising some 90,000 acres, is to be thrown open for settlement about January 17.

An electrician named Harold Baker, who received an electric shock at the Balmain lighting station, died on Thursday night.

A woman who had a grievance harangued a group of members in the lobbies of the Victorian Parliament. She was ejected by the police.

The session of the New Zealand Parliament was not concluded yesterday, as was expected, owing to the Opposition stonewalling an item in the Estimates.

A serious accident occurred to the mail coach between Casino and Kyogle, owing to one of the wheels collapsing.

One passenger had one of his thighs fractured, and several others were severely shaken.

Hackenschmidt, the wrestler, has arrived at Melbourne from South Africa.

His match with Gotch, which was to have taken place in January for the championship of the world, has fallen through.

The reef at Gerald's Creek, five miles from Drake, is turning out rich stone. A rush to the field has taken place.

The Sydney Stock Exchange adjourned over the Christmas and New Year holidays until January 4.

The tone of the Mining market yesterday showed firmness in silver and copper stocks.

Both gold and tin interests finished up the year's business with a promising outlook for the coming year.

Forecast.—Still unsettled and showery on the coast and tablelands, but rain area contracting to the north-east, shortly becoming fine generally.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

"Come and honour, O my brother,
Christmas Day! Call a truce then to our labours;
Let us feast with friends and neighbours,
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Keen ringing air, which sets the blood on fire,
And makes the old man merry with the young.
Through the short sunshine, through the longer night?
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acMANTUA	11,000	Vibert	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 3
PERSIA	8,000	Laughton	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 17
bcMALWA	11,000	Tocque	Feb. 26	Mch. 1	Mch. 3
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ORVIETO	Ruthven	12,130	Jan. 22	Jan. 25	Jan. 27
OPHIR	Staunton	6,814	Feb. 5	Feb. 9	Feb. 11
†OSTERLEY	Jenks	12,129	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
†ORONTES	Layton	9,023	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
†OTRANTO	Coad	12,124	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
†ORSOVA	Parsons	12,036	Mar. 30	Apr. 6	Apr. 8
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PALOONA, TUESDAY, January 4, noon; Jan. 18.
From HOBART—
PALOONA, TUESDAY, Dec. 28; Jan. 11.
For EDEN, LAUNCESTON, DEVONPORT, BURNIE.—WAKATIPU, WED., January 5, 10 a.m.; Jan. 19.
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WYREEMA (new steamer, twin screw, 6500 tons), TUESDAY, 5 p.m., January 11.
WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., January 18.

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WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 28. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

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† GRANTALA	31	Adelaide S.S. Co., Ltd.
† BOMBALA	31	Howard Smith Company, Ltd.
RIVERINA	31	Huddart, Parker, and Co. Pty., Ltd.
	Jan.	
† WYREEMA	4	A.U.S.N. Co., Ltd.
† YONGALA	7	Adelaide S.S. Co., Ltd.
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	Jan.	
ARAWATTA	4	A.U.S.N. Co., Ltd.
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Mon., 27th	Namoi, midnight	Hunter, midnight
Tues., 28th	Hunter, 11 p.m.	Namoi, 11.30
Wed., 29th	Namoi, 11 p.m.	Hunter, 11.30
Thur., 30th	Hunter, 11 p.m.	Namoi, 11.30
Fri., 31st	Namoi, midnight	Hunter, midnight
1910. January. Sat., 1st	Hunter, 11.45 p.m.	Namoi, 11.45 p.m.
Sun., 2nd	Namoi, midnight	Hunter, midnight
Mon., 3rd	Hunter, 11 p.m.	Namoi, 11.30

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MACLEAY RIVER.—Yulgilbar, Tuesday, 4 p.m.
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Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Sydney within seven days from the appearance of this notice.
Dated at Sydney this 24th day of December, 1909.
WALTER M. MARKS.

Department of Navigation, Sydney, 24th December, 1909.
IT is hereby notified, for general information, that on and after 1st January, 1910, the tide signals exhibited from the pilot station, Newcastle, will indicate the actual depth of water on the bar. The notice of the 29th April, 1909, is hereby withdrawn.
By order of the Acting Superintendent,
NORMAN C. LOCKHART, Secretary.
(24-18)

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GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1909.
CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS, at 2d per mile First-class return (minimum 2s), and 1d per mile Second-class return (minimum 1s), will be issued at Sydney and all stations in the Metropolitan area (as indicated on pages 6, 9, 10, 11, and 13 of Penny Timetable Book) to stations at which the trains are timed to call. The tickets will be available for return by any train within one calendar month from date of issue.

CHEAP TRAINS FROM SYDNEY.
ILLAWARRA LINE.
To-day (Saturday).—7.38 a.m. to Kiama, 8.30 a.m. to Wollongong, 9.10 a.m. to Nowra (to stations Unanderra to Nowra inclusive), 6.40 p.m. to Nowra.
MONDAY, Dec. 27, 7.8 a.m. and 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong, 7.30 a.m. to Nowra.

SOUTHERN LINE.
To-day (Saturday).—8.0 a.m. to Goulburn, 9.45 a.m. to stations on the Camden line only, 1.50 p.m. to Campbelltown and Camden, 6.10 p.m. to Bundanoon.
SUNDAY, Dec. 26, 9.42 a.m. to Campbelltown.
MONDAY, Dec. 27, 8.0 a.m. to Bundanoon, 9.45 a.m. to stations on the Camden line only.

WESTERN LINE.
To-day (Saturday).—7.52 a.m. to Bathurst (to Katoomba and west thereof only), 8.10 a.m. to Eskbank, 8.28 a.m. to stations Blacktown to Hazelbrook inclusive only, 1.28 p.m. to Penrith, 1.33 p.m. to Richmond, 5.38 p.m. to Penrith, 5.48 p.m. to stations on the Richmond Line only, 6.15 p.m. to Mount Victoria, 7.30 p.m. to Eskbank.
SUNDAY, Dec. 26, 9.30 a.m. to Penrith.
MONDAY, Dec. 27, 7.15 a.m. to Katoomba, 7.52 a.m. to Eskbank (to Katoomba and West thereof only), 8.10 a.m. to Mount Victoria.

NORTHERN LINE.
To-day (Saturday).—6.50 a.m., 8.15 a.m., and 6.25 p.m. to Newcastle.
SUNDAY, Dec. 26, 8.0 a.m. and 9.5 a.m. to Gosford, 8.55 a.m. to Newcastle.
MONDAY, Dec. 27, 6.50 a.m. and 7.35 a.m. to Newcastle.

EXCURSIONS TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.
Trains will leave Sydney on Monday, December 27, at 9.10 a.m. and 9.18 a.m., connecting train from Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.
The River Trip will occupy about 5 hours.
Return Fares from Sydney, Parramatta, Hornsby, Milson's Point, and intermediate stations (including rail and steamer), 6s First-class, 4s Second-class.
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EXCURSION TO THE NEPEAN RIVER (PENRITH).
Trains will leave Sydney for Penrith TO-DAY, at 8.10 a.m. and 8.28 a.m., and on MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, at 8.10 a.m., 8.28 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 1.25 p.m.
Return Fares from Sydney (including Rail, Coach, and Steamer), 6s 6d First-class, 4s Second-class.
Light Refreshments obtainable at landing-place on river.

COMO AND NATIONAL PARK.
On December 25, 26, and 27, the maximum return fares from Sydney, Redfern, and intermediate Illawarra Suburban Stations (including Bankstown line), to Mortdale, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus, and National Park, will not exceed 1s 6d First-class, and 1s Second-class, available for return on day of issue only.

ADDITIONAL AND ALTERED TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.
ILLAWARRA LINE.
In addition to the Cheap Trains shown above, Special Country Trains will leave Sydney on:—
Dec. 27.—8.27 a.m., for Wollongong, 9.20 a.m. for Scarborough, 9.33 a.m. for Kiama, 6.35 p.m. for Nowra, 8 p.m. for Nowra.
The following trains will not run:—
Dec. 25.—1.55 p.m. Sydney to Wollongong, 2.50 p.m. Sydney to Nowra, 5.55 p.m. Sydney to Wollongong (service given by 6.40 p.m. train from Sydney instead), 1.20 p.m., 5.5 p.m., and 11.50 p.m. Scarborough to Wollongong, 5.5 p.m. Stanwell Park to Wollongong, 10.53 p.m. Wollongong to Kiama, 6.35 a.m. Wollongong to Sydney (service given by train leaving Nowra at 4.55 a.m., and Wollongong at 6.55 a.m., instead), 5.0 p.m. and 11.5 p.m. Wollongong to Scarborough, 6.10 p.m. Kiama to Wollongong. The 11.50 p.m. Sydney to Wollongong will not run beyond Sutherland.
Dec. 26.—5.30 p.m., Wollongong to Sydney.
Dec. 27.—6.0 a.m., Wollongong to Sydney. The 5.55 p.m. Sydney to Nowra will not run beyond Wollongong (service given by 6.35 p.m. Special ex Sydney instead).

SOUTHERN LINE.
In addition to the Cheap Trains shown above, Special Country Trains will leave Sydney on:—
Dec. 27.—8.0 a.m. and 8.25 p.m. for Goulburn, 11.45 p.m. for Camden.
The following Trains will not run:—
Dec. 25.—4.50 a.m. Granville to Campbelltown, 8.28 a.m. Sydney to Liverpool, 12.15 and 2.5 p.m. Granville to Liverpool, 12.25 p.m. Sydney to Campbelltown, 2.28 p.m. Sydney to Picton, 3.5 p.m. Sydney to Moss Vale, 9.10 p.m. Campbelltown to Picton, 6.15 a.m. Campbelltown to Sydney, 9.41 a.m. Liverpool to Granville, 9.50 a.m. Picton to Sydney, 1.33 p.m. Liverpool to Granville, 2.28 p.m. Campbelltown to Sydney, 4.55 p.m. Picton to Sydney, 6.50 p.m. Moss Vale to Campbelltown.
Dec. 27.—4.50 a.m. Granville to Campbelltown, 6.15 a.m. Campbelltown to Sydney.
On Dec. 25, the 8.40 a.m. Train from Harden (4.40 p.m. from Picton) will call at the same stations between Picton and Liverpool, and run at the same times as on Mondays to Fridays, inclusive.

WESTERN LINE.
In addition to the Cheap Trains shown above, Special Country Trains will leave Sydney on:—
Dec. 27.—9.30 a.m. for Katoomba, 7.50 p.m. for Mudgee, 11.20 p.m. for Orange, 11.28 p.m. for Penrith and Richmond.
The following Trains will not run:—
Dec. 25.—12.28 p.m. Sydney to Penrith, 1.0 p.m. Sydney to Mount Victoria, 1.25 p.m. Sydney to Eskbank, 9.25 p.m. Sydney to Mount Victoria, 5.30 a.m. Mount Victoria to Sydney, 11.0 a.m. Penrith to Sydney, 11.28 p.m. Eskbank to Mount Victoria.
Dec. 26.—7.0 p.m. Mount Victoria to Sydney.
Dec. 27.—4.8 p.m. Sydney to Mount Victoria, 5.30 a.m. and 6.40 a.m. Mount Victoria to Sydney.

NORTHERN LINE.
In addition to the Cheap Trains shown above, Special Country Trains will leave Sydney on:—
Dec. 25.—9.10 a.m. for Gosford.
Dec. 27.—9.10 a.m. for Gosford, 9.18 a.m. for Hawkesbury, 6.45 p.m. for Newcastle.
The following Trains will not run:—
Dec. 25.—1.15 p.m. Sydney to Gosford, 2.5 p.m. Sydney to Newcastle, 2.10 p.m. Sydney to Gosford, 1.50 p.m. Newcastle to Sydney, 4.5 p.m. Gosford to Sydney.
Dec. 26.—7.20 p.m., Hawkesbury to Sydney.
Dec. 27.—4.55 p.m., Hawkesbury to Hornsby. The 6.30 p.m. Train, Sydney to Gosford, will not run beyond Hawkesbury River, but a service to Woy Woy, Tascott, Point Clare, and Gosford will be given by Special Train leaving Sydney at 6.45 p.m.

ALTERED RUNNING OF SUBURBAN TRAINS.
On Dec. 25 and 27 several Alterations and Cancellations will be made in the running of the Ordinary Local Trains on the Main Suburban, Hornsby-Strathfield, and Milson's Point Lines. On the dates named the Ordinary Train Service as between Sydney-Waterfall-Bankstown will be cancelled, and the Special Holiday Time-table shown on Handbills substituted. Passengers are referred to Handbills for full particulars.

Cancellation of Morning Funeral Train, Sydney to Rookwood Mortuary, Christmas Day.—On Dec. 25, the 9.28 a.m. Funeral Train, Sydney to Rookwood Mortuary, WILL BE CANCELLED.

For the convenience of Passengers wishing to return to Sydney in time for business on Tuesday, December 28, Trains will leave Nowra at 4.45 a.m., Wollongong at 6.0 a.m., Moss Vale at 6.15 a.m., Mt. Victoria at 5.30 a.m., 6.15 a.m., and 6.40 a.m., and Wyong at 6.5 a.m.

For full particulars of Holiday Arrangements see Handbills, obtainable from all Stationmasters.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS.
On December 25 and 27 the Goods Sheds at Alexandria will be closed, but Darling Harbour and Sydney Goods Sheds will be open until 10.0 a.m., for the delivery of perishables only. The Goods Sheds at all other Stations will be closed except for the receipt and delivery of perishables.

CLOSING OF CITY TICKETS AND PARCELS OFFICE.
On December 25 the City Tickets and Parcels Office will be closed, but on December 27 will be open until 10.0 a.m.
(W-144) By Order.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.
Weekday Time-tables will be in force on all Lines, with slight alterations in departure times of trams between 5.0 and 8.0 a.m., and 5.0 and 6.30 p.m.
LONG BAY—LA PEROUSE.—Trams will leave Circular Quay at 6.2, 7.4, 7.35, 8.5, 8.35, 9.5 a.m. and every 15 mins. to 6.50 p.m., 6.5, and half-hourly to 10.35, 11.20 p.m.
Workmen's Fares will be cancelled on all lines.

BOXING DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.
Improved Services will be run on Abbotsford, Enfield-Burwood-Mortlake, Bondi, Coogee, Watson's Bay, and North Sydney Lines.
BAULKHAM HILLS LINE.—Saturday time-table.
LONG BAY—LA PEROUSE.—From Circular Quay: 6.2, 7.4, 7.35, 8.5, 8.37, 8.51 a.m., and every 12 mins. to 6.57 p.m., 8.51, 9.16, 9.30, 10.15, 10.51, 11.20 p.m. From Railway: A 12 mins. service will be run to La Perouse from Western Railway Gates from 8.35 a.m. to 8.35 p.m.
RANDWICK RACES.—A frequent service will be run to the Racecourse from Circular Quay, Central Railway Loop, and Western Suburbs.
Workmen's Fares will be cancelled on all lines.

ALTERATION OF STOPPING-PLACE, GEORGE-STREET LINE.
COMMENCING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th, George-street trams will stop at intersection of Hay and George streets, instead of Campbell and George streets.

TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS.
CITY AND SUBURBAN LINES.
Commencing Sunday, December 26th, the ordinary Sunday services will be restored on all Lines, with the exception of North Sydney, on which special time-table connecting with Ferry Boats will be run. For particulars see Handbill.

KENSINGTON LINE, WEEKDAYS.
Commencing Tuesday, December 28th, an improved service will be run on the Kensington Line between 7.0 and 9.30 a.m. and 4.0 and 7.30 p.m.
(T.-396) By order.

New South Wales Government Railways,
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Sydney, December 24, 1909.
TENDERS will be received AT THIS OFFICE not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on the dates specified for the undermentioned Purchases, Supplies, etc., viz.:—

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1909.
THE ERECTION OF EMPLOYEES' BRICK RESIDENCES AT OTFORD. Particulars, Existing Lines Office, Public Works Building, Bridge-street, Sydney.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1910.
THE SUPPLY OF I.R. DIAPHRAGMS FOR CORRIDOR Railway Carriages. Particulars, Railway Stores, Wilson-street, Eveleigh.
THE SUPPLY OF 800 TAIL LAMPS. Particulars, Railway Stores, Wilson-street, Eveleigh.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1910.
THE SUPPLY AND ERECTION AT THE ULTIMO POWER-HOUSE of
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1910.
THE SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF ONE 5000 KILOWATT TURBO-ALTERNATOR AND ACCESSORIES. Full particulars Electrical Engineer's Office, 61 Hunter-street, Sydney.

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MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER. SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY.
HALF-HOURLY from 9 a.m. for ATHOL, CLIFTON, BALMORAL, and THE SPIT.
BALMORAL BEACH.—Beautiful Beaches for the Children.
RETURN FARE: ADULTS 6d, CHILDREN, 3d.
DANCING ALL DAY AT CLIFTON GARDENS.
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PARRAMATTA RIVER SERVICE,
FROM NO. 6 JETTY, CIRCULAR QUAY.
CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, 25th DECEMBER, 1909.
For all Wharves as far as GLADESVILLE, 9 a.m., 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 2.30, 3.0, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.15, 10.30 p.m.
For all Wharves as far as RYDE, 10 a.m., 11, 1, 2, 2.30, 3, 5, 6, 6, 9.15.
For all Wharves as far as PARRAMATTA, 11 a.m., 2, 3 p.m.
BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.
HALF-HOURLY to RYDE, 14 miles. Return Fare, 9d.
HOURLY to PARRAMATTA, 18 miles. Return Fare, 1s.
DANCING ALL DAY, CORREY'S GARDENS. Steamers ½-Hourly. Return Steamer Fare, 6d.
SYDNEY FERRIES, LTD. W. G. TODD, Manager.

A BEAUTIFUL ROUND TRIP.
TO-DAY, TO-MORROW, AND MONDAY.
The Favourite Steamer WOY WOY will be leaving MANLY, AND THE SPIT, MIDDLE HARBOUR (connecting with the trams), AT FREQUENT INTERVALS ALL DAY AND EVENING. This trip enables Passengers to make a complete round journey of about 17 miles, embracing Magnificent Ocean and Harbour Views. THE CHEAPEST AND BEST ROUND TRIP TO BE OBTAINED. FARES: RETURN, Adults 6d, Children: SINGLE, Adults 4d, Children 2d.

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DOORS OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK.
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SUMMER MEETING, 1909,
MONDAY NEXT, BOXING DAY,
DECEMBER 27.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP	12.30	p.m.
FLYING HANDICAP	1.10	p.m.
LUNCHEON.		
DECEMBER STAKES	2.15	p.m.
SUMMER CUP	3	p.m.
NURSERY HANDICAP	3.40	p.m.
A.J.C. HANDICAP	4.15	p.m.

TRAMS RUN DIRECT TO THE COURSE.
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RETURN FARE, including admission, 1/6. CHILDREN HALF-PRICE.
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The Village, which is peopled by 70 Maoris, including the Famous Guides, MAGGIE and BELLA PAPAKURA, has been erected with material specially brought from the Lake District of New Zealand, and is a faithful representation of a Maori Pah. Maori Carvings and Curios, Historic War Canoes 60 feet long.
NOVEL ENTERTAINMENTS DAILY at 3 & 8.30 P.M.
THE VILLAGE IS WELL LIGHTED BY ELECTRIC LIGHT, AND CAN BE VIEWED AS WELL BY NIGHT AS BY DAY.
The unique character of the performance, the beautiful open-air surroundings, the quaint village in the background, all afford a specially tempting form of entertainment for a summer evening.
TIME TABLE DAILY.
Dept. FORT MACQUARIE, at frequent intervals, between 2.15 and 7.45 p.m.
Dept. from THE SPIT, MOSMAN, at intervals from 2.15 to 8.15 p.m.
Dept. BALMAIN, Bald Rock, calling Stephen and Darling streets, at 1.30 and 6.45, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, also on Sunday at 2.15 p.m.

XMAS IN MAORILAND.
My people desire me to wish all friends who have visited us a VERY MERRY XMAS AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL, and to tell you that, while we are unable to give any performances on either Xmas Day or Sunday, we shall be happy to welcome any visitors to our home at CLONTARF, and endeavour to interest them by exhibiting OUR CURIOS AND CARVINGS, OUR WHARES, OUR MEETING-HOUSE, OUR WAR CANOES, etc. We will also show you OUR METHODS OF COOKING, and visitors will be invited to taste some of the food when cooked. OUR CHOIR will sing seasonable sacred songs, AND THE N.S.W. STATE MILITARY BAND WILL ALSO PLAY. Visitors on these days will only be asked to pay the steamer fare of 1/ RETURN, FREQUENT TRIPS FROM FORT MACQUARIE AND THE SPIT, BETWEEN 2 AND 5 P.M. LAST RETURN TRIP, 9 P.M.
MAGGIE PAPAKURA.

CLONTARF, ON BOXING DAY.
STEAMERS FROM FORT MACQUARIE HALF-HOURLY ALL DAY FROM 9 A.M. FARE, 4d EACH WAY, CHILDREN HALF PRICE.
These Grounds are recognised as being the largest and most up-to-date pleasure resort in the State. Its beautiful beach is a glorious playground for the youngsters. There are Swings, Merry-go-Rounds, Aunt Sally, and other attractions too numerous to mention. Over 100 cosy Summer-houses for picknickers, and HOT and COLD WATER FREE.
DANCING IN THE MAMMOTH PAVILION
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Good music, a splendid floor, and efficient M.Cs. ensure you an enjoyable dance. The Maori Boys and Girls from the adjoining Village will also join in the dances during the day.

AMUSEMENTS.

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ROYAL AGRICULTURAL GROUNDS,

NEW YEAR DAY,

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SPECIAL NOTE.—In consequence of the Railway Authorities intimating that it is impossible to convey the Country Cadet Forces to Sydney for New Years' Day, the Highland Society, acting upon the advice of the N.S.W. Cadet Executive, has regretfully decided to withdraw the Cadet Section from the Programme for New Year's Day.

EXHIBITION BY LONGFACED TUMBLER CLUB OF N.S.W. AND SCOTTISH TERRIER FANCIERS.

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TENDERS are invited for the RIGHT TO COLLECT at the OUTSIDE GATES, TATTERSALL'S ANNUAL RACE MEETING, at Randwick, on WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1909, and SATURDAY (NEW YEAR'S DAY), 1st JANUARY, 1910.

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N.S.W. TROTTING CLUB RACES at EPPING RACECOURSE.

TUESDAY NEXT, DEC. 28th, 1909.

FIRST RACE, 2.30 P.M.

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TUESDAY WEEK, 4th JANUARY.

Nominations, 10/, close at 4 p.m. on TUESDAY NEXT, December 28, and may be made at the Warwick Farm Racing Club's Office. £20—Kembla Welter, lowest weight 8st, 7 furlongs. £15—Maiden Handicap, lowest weight 8st, 6 furlongs. £25—Yuletide Handicap, 6 furlongs. £15—Trial Stakes, for horses which have never won 30 sovs., 6 furlongs. £25—Wollongong Handicap, 1 mile.

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SCARBOROUGH WELTER of 75 sovs. (lowest weight, 7st 7lb), 6 furlongs.
(For full particulars see programmes.)

ENTRIES CLOSE at 4 P.M. on MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1910.

Office, 15 Castlereagh-st, Sydney. E. L. JOHNSON, Secretary.

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The FIRST ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT of the APPIAN WAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB will be held on the Courts of the Club, at Burwood, on JAN. 15th, 22nd, 26th, and 29th, 1910.

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SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; Mattins, 10.30 a.m.; Choral Eucharist (Biggs, in C), Procession, and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Children's Service, 3.45 p.m.; Litany, 7 p.m.; Evensong, Sermon, Procession, and Carols, 7.15 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. W. Tonge.

HOLY TRINITY, Lower Fort-street.—Christmas Day. Services, 8, 11, 7.30. Preachers, Rev. W. Newmarch and Archdeacon D'Arcy-Irvine. Sunday, 11, 7.15. Preacher, Archdeacon D'Arcy-Irvine.

ST. Clement's, M'ville.—Xmas Day, 8 a.m., H.C.; 11 a.m., H.C. Rev. W. Martin. 8 p.m., Carols.

ST. JOHN'S, Darlinghurst.—Christmas Day. Holy Communion, 6.45, 8, and 11 a.m.; the Rector, 11 a.m.; Rev. T. H. Distin Morgan, 7.15 p.m. Sunday, Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.; Rev. L. J. M'Donald, 11 a.m.; the Rector, 7.15 p.m.

ST. MATTHIAS', PADDINGTON.—Xmas Day—H.C., 7, 8, and 11 a.m. SUNDAY—8 a.m., H.C.; 11 a.m., Rev. W. GEER; 7.15 p.m., Evensong. Xmas Carols and Solos. Preacher, Rev. S. G. FIELDING.

S. THOMAS, North Sydney.—Christmas Day, 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 11.45 a.m., the Rector; 8 p.m., Carol Service. SUNDAY, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., the Rector; 7.20 p.m., the Rector.

ST. JOHN'S, Glebe Point.—Xmas Day, Services: 7 and 8 a.m., H.C.; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, H.C.; 7.15 p.m., Evensong, Sermon, Carols.

ST. JOHN'S, Glebe Point.—Services: 8 a.m., H.C.; 11 a.m., 3.15 p.m., Children; 7.15 p.m., Evensong (Carols). NEW YEAR'S EVE, 11.15 p.m., Watchnight Service; 12.5 p.m., H.C.

ST. PAUL'S Redfern.—Christmas Day, 11 a.m., Canon Boyce. Sunday, 11 a.m., Rev. J. Bidwell, 3 p.m. (children), and 7.15 p.m., Canon Boyce.

ST. JAMES', KING-STREET.—CHRISTMAS DAY. Holy Communion, 7, 8, 9, 9.45; Matins, 10.15; Choral Eucharist, Procession, and Sermon, by Rev. H. H. Dixon, B.A.; Evensong, Sermon, Procession, and Carols, 7.15.

SUNDAY.—Holy Communion, 8 and 9; Matins and Litany, 10.15; Choral Eucharist, Procession, and Sermon, 11; Children's Service, 3; Evensong, Sermon, Procession, and Carols, 7.15.

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AUBURN.—Rev. JOHN AULD, M.A., 11 and 7.15.

ANNANDALE.—H.B. Memorial.—Xmas Day, 9.30 a.m.; Sunday, 11 and 7. Rev. J. S. Scott. Men's Brotherhood 4 p.m. Address, Mr. A. P. Carrington, J.P., "The Brotherhood of Man." Solo, Mr. Towson.

CHALMERS, opposite Exhibition.—Rev. ANGUS KING, 11 a.m., "The First Coming of Christ"; 7.15 p.m., "The Second Coming of Christ." Christmas Carols. Soloist, Mr. Percy Herford.

DULWICH HILL.—Sunday, 11 and 7.15, Special Christmas Services. Rev. R. Jennings.

FULLERTON MEMORIAL, SURRY HILLS. Minister, Rev. D. FENWICK. 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m., CHRISTMAS SERVICES. Soloist: Mr. JAS. ROSS.

GLEBE.—Christmas Day, at 11; Sunday, at 11 and 7. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Clouston.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. J. Anderson Gardiner, B.A., Minister.—11 a.m., "The Shadow on our Dial;" 7.30 p.m., "The Anticipation of Xmas."

MACNEIL MEMORIAL, Denison-st, Wav.—Rev. T. Morgan, 11, Scouts' Parade; 7, A Year's Blessings.

NORTH St. Leonards, Crow's Nest.—Rev. A. Clark. Xmas Morn., 11; Sunday, morn. 11, evg. 7.15.

PADDINGTON.—Rev. G. Chalmers. Xmas Day, 10 a.m. Sabbath, 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Frid., 11.30 p.m.

PETERSHAM, Gordon-st.—11 a.m., 7.15 p.m., Rev. John Edwards, M.A.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA.—FREE ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, Castlereagh-street. Rev. W. McDONALD, 11 and 7.

RANDWICK.—Rev. C. H. Talbot; Xmas Day, at 11. Sunday, 11 and 7.15, Xmas Messages and Music.

STANMORE.—11 a.m., Rev. C. A. White, B.A.; 7.15 p.m., Evangelist Fairley. To-day, 11 a.m.

ST. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.—Morning, 11; Evening, 7. Rev. T. J. Curtis.

ST. LUKE'S, REDFERN.—Rev. M. HERMANN at 11, and SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT 7.

S. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTH SYDNEY.—11, 7.30, Rev. James Kinghorn.

ST. David's, Dobroyde.—Rev. E. N. Merrington, M.A.B., H.D., 11 Christmas ser.; 7.15, Beg., Ending.

ST. ENOCH'S, NEWTOWN. Preacher: REV. C. E. JAMES.

Morning, at 11: Subjects. (A) For children, THE TALE TOLD. (B) For adults, CHRISTIAN RETROSPECT. Evening, at 7.15: ONE YEAR MORE.

Watchnight Service, 11.15, FRIDAY NEXT, Dec. 31.

SCOT'S CHURCH, CHURCH-HILL, near Wynyard-square.

Pastor Rev. W. M. DILL MACKY, D.D. Old Year Addresses.

Morning Service, 11. Subject: "Watering the Ground with his foot." Evening Service, 7. Subject: "Drinking in the rain from Heaven." Dr. DILL MACKY will preach at both services. All are cordially welcome.

ST. STEPHEN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PHILLIP-STREET.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, PUBLIC WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. ON THE LORD'S DAY. Bible Class, 10 a.m. Morning Service, 11, "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord." Evening Service, 7, "From Everlasting unto Everlasting." Preacher at all Services. RIGHT REV. JOHN FERGUSON.

WAVERLEY.—GRAHAME MEMORIAL. Rev. J. Macaulay, M.A., 11, The Nativity; 7.15, Retrospect.

WOOLLAHRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Ocean and Forth streets. REV. W. SWETN MACQUEEN, 11 A.M. AND 7.30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 8 p.m., Meeting for Christian Workers.

Congregational.

BOURKE-ST.—Rev. C. Whyte, M.A., 11, "Dividing Walls Removed;" Xmas, 7.15, Grandeur of Serv.

BURWOOD Cong. Church.—Christmas Day, service 11 to 12; Sunday, Rev. G. Campbell, morn., evening.

CROYDON.—11 and 7.15. Evening Subject: No Room in the Inn. Rev. W. Mathison, B.A.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, NEWTOWN. CHRISTMAS SERVICES. REV. ABSALOM DEANS. 11 a.m.: Jesus that was—The Christ that IS. 7 p.m.: Born—a Saviour. Solo, Mr. Chas. Wood.

CONGREGATIONAL Church, Newtown, Brotherhood. —Special Open Meeting at 3 p.m. Christmas music and carols. "Christmas Bells," Rev. Absalom Deans.

DULWICH HILL.—11 a.m., The Coming of the King; 7 p.m., The Message of Christmas Tide. Rev. W. H. RAYNER, B.A.

MANLY.—Rev. W. L. Slack, morning, 11; evening, 7.30, "The Use of Life."

MARRICKVILLE.—Rev. Dr. Roseby, F.R.A.S., Christmas Day, at 11; Sun., 11, 7; Watchnight.

MOSMAN.—Rev. A. H. Austin, B.A., 11 and 7.15.

NORTH SYDNEY CONGREGATIONAL.—Rev. F. V. Dowling, B.A., 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.

PYRMONT Cong. Church.—The Pastor, 11 and 7; even., "The New-born King." Christmas carols.

PETERSHAM.—At 11, Rev. G. MORRISON; at 7, Rev. C. H. Statham. Subject, "The Home Road." Visitors welcomed. December 31, Watchnight Service, 11 p.m.

PITT-STREET CHURCH. Rev. N. J. COCKS, M.A.

Subjects: 11 a.m.: "A Haunting Glory." 7 p.m.: "Come Ye to Bethlehem." SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

REDFERN.—Rev. F. Binns will preach To-morrow at 11 and 7.15. People's service.

S. HILL.—Xmas Day, 11 a.m.; Sunday, 11 and 7. Rev. R. A. Thompson, B.A.

TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, 3, Gore Hill Town Hall, Xmas Service. Address, Rev. Wm. Allen, "Messiah" Music. Soloists, Miss Nance Nightingale, Mr. J. G. Guill, Mr. C. Murray Gibbes. Accompanist, Miss Alice Liggins. Xmas Hymns.

WOOLLAHRA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Jersey-road. REV. REGINALD REYNOLDS, M.A. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES. CHRISTMAS DAY, 11 A.M. His name shall be called Wonderful. SUNDAY, 11 A.M., The Advent of the King. 7.15 P.M., RELIGION AND JOY.

WHITEFIELD'S, DEVONSHIRE-STREET. Pastor, Rev. ALBERT RIVETT. 11, "Messiah's Advent;" 7.15, "Messiah's Reign." SPECIAL XMAS MUSIC, CAROLS and ANTHEMS. Solo, "He shall feed His flock" (Handel), Miss Rhoda MacKechine. Tenor solo, "Star of Bethlehem."

Methodist.

CENTRAL METHODIST MISSION. CHRISTMAS DAY.

11 a.m., Lyceum Hall United Service. Revs. W. G. Taylor and P. J. Stephen. XMAS CAROLS BY THE CHOIR. Special Offertory for Poor.

7.30 p.m., CONFERENCE HALL, 139 Castlereagh-st., GRAND SACRED CONCERT. Mr. Marsh Little and other artists will sing. BEAUTIFUL MOVING SACRED PICTURES exhibited, through the kindness of Mr. R. Lean. A Splendid Series of Sacred Scenes. ADMISSION FREE. Special Collections for Poor and Rescue Work.

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SUNDAY, December 26th. 11 a.m., Rev. P. J. STEPHEN. 7.15 p.m., Rev. W. G. TAYLOR. Soloist, Mr. Marsh Little. "PEOPLE'S OWN," MEETING, 3 p.m. Special Christmas Address by Mr. HUGH PATON, the Famous Scottish Evangelist. FINE MUSICAL PROGRAMME. Soloist, Mr. Marsh Little. Everyone cordially welcome. Every seat Free. RAWSON HALL, 7.15 p.m., Rev. P. J. STEPHEN.

XMAS NIGHT CONCERT, CONFERENCE HALL, 139 Castlereagh-street, TO-NIGHT, 7.30.

BOURKE-ST. MISSION.—11, Rev. J. E. Carruthers; 7.15, Rev. G. C. Percival, "An Old Year Message." Praise Service, 7 p.m. Alex. Hymns. CHRISTMAS SERVICE, This Day, 10 a.m.

LEICHHARDT MISSION HALL, WETHERILL-ST.—11, Rev. C. T. Newman; 7.15, Rev. W. F. Oakes. Evening Solo, "The Holy City," Mr. Todeld. WATCHNIGHT SERVICES, FRIDAY, Dec. 31, 11 p.m. MEN'S BROTHERHOOD, 2.45, Rev. H. A. PYKE, "The Jews in Relation to the Christian Church." AUGUSTUS-STREET.—11, Rev. W. F. Oakes; 7, Mr. Wotton. Christmas Hymns and Anthems. Seats Free.

PADDINGTON.—Christmas Morning, 10.30. Sunday, 11, Rev. G. C. Percival; 7, Rev. J. E. Carruthers.

RANDWICK.—11, Mr. Ewins; 7.15, Rev. R. H. Rickard, Kensington, 11, Rev. Rickard; 7.15, Mr. Ewins.

STANMORE.—Service To-day at 11, Rev. J. G. M. Taylor; 8 p.m., Grand Concert of Christmas Music. Sunday Services: 11, Rev. W. Henry Howard; 7, Rev. J. G. Morris Taylor.

RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SOUTH SYDNEY METHODIST MISSION, WESLEY CHURCH, REGENT-STREET. Christmas Day, 10.30, Rev. W. W. Roger (Carols); 8 p.m., The First Christmas in Picture, Song, and Story. Beautiful Pictures, Bright Music, Songs, by Rev. E. W. Briscombe. Christmas Sunday, 11 a.m., Mr. M. J. Walker; 7 p.m., Rev. A. J. Burt, "Born, a Saviour." The Season's Greeting in Anthem and Hymn.

WAVERLEY (Junction).—Xmas services, 11 and 7. Evg., choral, special music from "The Messiah."

Baptist.

BAPTIST.—M'ville.—Morn., Pastor, Subject, "The Goodness of God." Evening, Mr. G. E. Ardill.

BAPTIST, Harris-st.—Morn., 11 a.m., Even., 7 p.m., Rev. Dr. Porter. All welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH, Petersham.—Rev. B. Gawthrop, 11 and 7. Seats free. All welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH, Burton-st, city.—Pastor H. Putland, 11 a.m.; Pastor Hiddlestone, 7 p.m. Watchnight Service, 31st. Friends invited to PICNIC, JAN. 1st, Centennial Park, near Refreshment Rooms.

BATHURST-ST CHURCH.—Rev. James Barker. Morning, The Ever-living Christ; Evening, A Complete Salvation. Christmas Hymns and Carols. Visitors invited.

N. SYDNEY, NEW BAPTIST CH., Ernest-st tram stop.—Rev. D. Steed, 11, 7, Christmas Hymns.

NEWTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH. 11 a.m.: "The Child Jesus." 7 p.m.: "The Gift of God's Love." Preacher: REV. GEO. MENZIES.

PARTICULAR Baptist Church, Castlereagh-st.—Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pastor F. Fullard.

STRICT Baptist Church, Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-st.—Services, 11 a.m., 7.15 p.m. Mr. Fremlin.

WAVERLEY.—Rev. G. P. Jones, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Special singing. All welcome.

Churches of Christ.

AT City Temple, Campbell-st, Syd.—11, Worship; 7, J. J. Franklyn, "The First Christmas Carol."

CANNON-ST, Petersham.—11, Worship; 7, J. Clydesdale, "God's great gift." All welc., no collec.

HURSTVILLE Hall, Forest-rd.—11, Worship; 7, F. Goode, Subject, "The Barren Fig Tree." All wel.

PADDINGTON-ST.—11 and 7.30, A. E. Illingworth. Watch Night Service, New Year's Eve, 11.

TOWN Hall, Mosman.—Worship, 11, J. J. Franklyn. Bible School, 3; Gospel Meeting, 7, T. Morton.

Other Services, Etc.

UNITARIAN CHURCH, HYDE PARK. REV. GEORGE WALTERS. 11 a.m.: The Social Message of Christmastide. 7 p.m.: THE GLADSTONE CENTENARY. Gladstone, Scholar and Statesman, b. Dec. 29, 1809.

TO-NIGHT, AT 8, XMAS NIGHT, SATURDAY, XMAS NIGHT, RECITAL, by REV. GEORGE WALTERS, CHARLES DICKENS' XMAS STORY, "THE CHIMES," With Musical Interludes. Doors open 7.30. ADMISSION, SILVER COIN.

A FREE public Lecture, Sunday, 7 p.m., Sub., HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN. Sydney Christadelphian Ecclesia, 413 Elizabeth-street (near Devonshire-street).

AT QUEEN'S HALL. SUNDAY, 7.15 p.m. Lecture, Dr. FREDERIC BELL, Ph.D. "EASTERN ADEPTS, AND WESTERN MEDIUMS COMPARED." Solos, Dr. and Mrs. Bell. All Welcome.

AT FORRESTERS' HALL, 380 Castlereagh-street.—Christian Spiritual Services, To-morrow (Sunday). Farewell addresses by our President, afternoon 3.15, evening 7.15. Subject, "The Nativity of Christ—was he reincarnated?" All welcome.

AT VEDANTA CLUB ROOMS, 39 Hunter-street, between Pitt and Castlereagh streets.—Sister AVABAMIA speaker, Sunday, 3 p.m., "The Watchfulness of the Wise;" Sunday, 7.15 p.m., "How Christmas was celebrated during time of Babylon;" Tuesday, 3 p.m. (Ladies only), Magnetism, etc. Coll. Pub. inv.

AT NEW MASONIC HALL, CASTLEREAGH-ST. 3 p.m.—Address to Christians, by Mr. Frank May. Subject: "The Promises of God, from the Book of Proverbs." 7.15 p.m.: Gospel Address. ALL WELCOME.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION (Sydney Branch) meet Sunday, 11 a.m., Leigh House, 233 Castlereagh-street. Visitors cordially invited. Mrs. PEARCE, Con.; CHAS. M. HUDSON, Sec.

CHRISTADELPHIAN (The Sydney Ecclesia), I.O.O.F. TEMPLE, Elizabeth-st, nr. Liverpool-st. Meeting for the BREAKING OF BREAD, 11 a.m. LECTURE, 7 p.m., "The Last Words of Revelation."

CHRIST'S BRETHREN, Room 5, Queen's Hall, Pitt-st, Sunday, 7.15 p.m., Free Lecture, "Peace on Earth: When will it be realised?" All welcome. Questions answered. No Collection.

CHURCH OF SEERS, Queen's Hall, Sunday, 3.15 p.m. Address, Mr. A. J. BUSH, "The Message of Christmastide." Circles, etc. Public invited. A hearty welcome to all.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sydney, Needs Masonic Hall, Walker-street, North Sydney, NEXT SUNDAY, One Service only, at 3.30 p.m. Subject: "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE." SUNDAY SCHOOL, 3.30 p.m. WEDNESDAY MEETING, 8 p.m. READING-ROOM, 7th floor, Challis House, Martin-place. Open daily, 12 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 to 1 p.m. Also, Wednesdays, 6 to 7.15 p.m. On CHRISTMAS DAY a THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held at 3.30 p.m.

ENMORE Men's Brotherhood, Dispensary Hall, Enm.-rd, 3 p.m., Speaker, Rev. G. T. Walden, M.A.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Goulburn-st.—Pastor Schenk will preach every Sunday, at 11 a.m.

INDEPENDENT SPIRITUALISTIC ASSOCIATION MEETS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT, 7.15, at 12 GLEBE-ROAD (near Broadway). Lecturer: Mr. PEER, Psychometrist, Madame PEER. All Cordially Invited. J. R. FATHERLEY, Pres.; W. PEER, Hon. Sec.

METAPHYSICAL SOCIETY OF N.S.W., SCHOOL OF ARTS, PITT-ST, Sunday, 7.15 p.m. LECTURE BY MR. W. ADAMS, B.A., SUBJECT, THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM. ALL WELCOME.

NEW CHURCH (Sydney Society), Thomas-st.—Services, 11 a.m., 7.15 p.m.

NEWTOWN SPIRITUAL CHURCH.—Sunday, 7.15 p.m., St. George's Hall, Newtown, No. 2 Room, "by request," open platform, Spiritual Experiences by various speakers. Solo, Mr. C. M. Hudson, "The Holy City." Public invited. All are welcome. CHAS. M. HUDSON, Leader; S. GOWER, Hon. Sec.

OPEN-AIR SERVICES AT SEASIDE RESORTS on BOXING DAY, MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER. Under auspices of Evangelical Council of N.S.W.

COOGEE.—11.30 a.m., Address to Christian Workers, by the Rev. W. M. Smith, M.A. 2 p.m., Gospel Services, Leaders, Messrs. R. Hickson and W. H. R. Grant.

BONDI.—11.30, Address to Christian Workers. 2 p.m., Gospel Services, Central Methodist Mission Band of Workers in charge.

MANLY.—11.30, Address to Christian Workers. 2 p.m., Gospel Services, Rev. W. W. Roger and Mr. G. E. Ardill in charge.

PROGRESSIVE THOUGHT CENTRE, 5 MOORE-STREET. Mr. W. FRITCH, Sunday, 11 a.m., "Where Christ is Born Now;" and at 7.15 p.m., "The Secret of Perfect Living." Book Depot, Lending Library above address.

SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF N.S.W., Leigh House, C'reagh-st.—Service, 3.15 p.m., Open Platform; 7.15 p.m., Special (mediums) night. All welcome. W. BANKS, Pres.; R. TOWNS, Hon. Sec.

SYDNEY THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY. SUNDAY, DEC. 26, AT 7.15 P.M., Mr. V. ROINEL, "THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST." Book Depot and Lending Library at Rooms, 132 Phillip-street.

SCHOOL OF ARTS, 275 PITT-STREET, DR. FREDERIC BELL, Ph.D., will Deliver his Humorous Lecture, TUESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 28th, 8 O'CLOCK, entitled A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE. All attending this lecture will be given a guarantee that it will cure the blues, confirmed pessimists, chronic grumblers, that tired feeling, chase from your face wrinkles and substitute dimples; and is an enemy to malice, a foe to scandal, and a guardian angel to every virtue. In short, it promotes digestion, increases circulation, aids perspiration, etc. Dr. Bell will sing a Solo. Admission 6d, few Reserved Seats 1s, at Dr. Bell's Rooms, Lyceum Cafe, 214 Pitt-st.

UNIVERSAL AND UNITED WEEK OF PRAYER, Monday, 3rd Jan., to Sat., 10th Jan., 1910, arranged by the Evangelical Council of N.S.W. Meetings will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Commencing each evening at 8 o'clock. See full programme on Saturday next.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Sunday Service, 4.30 p.m. Speaker, Miss Menger.

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CHAPTER XXV.—Continued.

"Was it your idea to come here, Ainsworth?" I asked him. He told me it was not.

"You would never guess," he said. "Old Catt rigged us out. It was his inspiration, after he had heard Mona's story."

"But how did she come to tell it, who warned her as to what was going on?"

"Your ancient friend with the goat's beard. Age, my dear Sammy, is a bad ambassador when a woman holds audience. He sold the doctor for a bowl of roses, and we were in the train 24 hours afterwards."

"Then you went to Stockholm?"

"Exactly, and hired the yacht there. Jan had a telegram from Celsius, and met us. The rest was quite simple."

"I'm glad you speak in the imperfect. If we could say that of the future, Ainworth."

"And why not? What forbids it, Sammy? You don't suppose they are going to do Erik a mischief in his mother's house? We shall just ask for him, and see that we get him. He will be able to deal with them in England. Catt is sure of it, and he has the wisdom of the ancients."

"Catt must have thought him in some danger, or he would not have gone so far. I suppose Mona had an interview with him?"

"She certainly did, though he is far too close a philosopher to tell me just what passed. His idea was that Erik should have his friends near him, he would commit himself no further, but that he knew something I am perfectly certain. Catt would not pass the time jumping over feathers."

I admitted it, and then for the first time I told him the true story of Boda. He is not a man to go into hysterics, but I have never seen him so serious.

"They are playing for the fight," he said quietly. "I have not the least doubt that Johansson fell back upon it when you refused to meet him half way. He would have liked you to break your necks or drown yourselves getting out of the Castle; but he would not lift a finger against you himself. There's the roguery of it, but you did not walk into his parlour, and so we have the German. It is really very serious, Sammy. Upon my soul, I think it serious beyond all words."

"And I no less. But there is always hope while Mona is here. I wish to God she would sail with us to the Castle, and let him see her on deck, Ainsworth. You know what a man of moods Erik is; and if he knows that she is here, he will kill the German as certain as I am walking on this grass."

"And having killed him, Sammy—but I am not going to anticipate. Do you know that Johansson threatens Mona with the police? It's true, by God! I wish I had been there when he had done it, for I would have wrung his neck on the spot, as sure as my name is Ainsworth. Imagine the effrontery of it, the bravest little woman in or out of England today."

"Et tu, Ainsworth!"

He flushed to the forehead, but did not deny it. And that's the story of them all. The bravest little woman in or out of England. Was I the man to contradict him? And had she not proved her courage beyond all dispute upon the day she set out for Boda?

Well, we did not push that point far, for obvious reasons; and when we returned to Mona, and told her our plan for sailing to the harbour, she laughed at us as might have been expected. Perhaps it was a foolish idea, and we ought not to have mentioned it; but my anxiety to let Erik know that she had sailed from England increased with every hour, and I prevailed upon the others eventually to go with me, leaving Tassy on shore in charge of the "rear guard." This was about midday, and the weather so sultry and oppressive that we might have been in the Mediterranean rather than the Baltic. Never have I seen a sun focussing such deep rays of crimson, or a sky so heaped up with gigantic banks of cloud. But there was neither rain nor thunder, and the sea was as calm as a duck-pond.

It had been my hope that Erik would see the yacht from the gardens, having now discovered my absence, and guessed its meaning. But when we made the bay and remarked the number of fishing boats then in the harbour, the Castle itself wore just such an air of gloom as had depressed me when I returned from England; and, but for a haze of smoke above one of the chimneys, there was no sign of human habitation whatsoever. In vain we drifted down with the tide, almost beneath the headland itself; in vain we flew our signal flags, and searched every window with our glasses. No answer was forthcoming; we might have been spying out a house of the dead.

I need hardly say what a gloom settled upon the little company when the meaning of these things began to be understood. We knew that our friend was in the Castle; we were convinced that old Celsius would have acquainted him with the yacht's arrival, and the coming of his friends, and yet he was unable to make any signals to us. This could only mean that he was now so spied upon, it might even be so imprisoned within the house, that even the liberty of the gardens was denied to him. And against that we had but the resolutions of disingenious bravado to offer. For what could we do; to whom appeal? How make our presence known? True, as Jack Drake suggested, we might go ashore and thunder upon the gate until someone deigned to tell us that his Serene Highness was not at home. But the humiliation of such a visit could bear no fruit of attainment worth the plucking, and when, upon it all, a police boat came off from the harbour, and a lean individual in gold lace informed our captain that we should not be permitted to land, the fatuity of the whole proceeding began to dawn upon us, and we turned back to our anchorage as crestfallen a crew as you would have found upon the Baltic.

I cannot say that the result of this attempt was a considerable surprise to me, whatever the others felt about it. The real truth of the situation at Boda had been hidden from them hitherto, but could be hidden no longer.

They had thought it so easy in England, as Jack Drake confessed. Just a merry voyage across the North Sea, some plain words of common sense, and a triumphant return, if not to Cambridge at least to English shores. So they had planned it, but how different the reality! No longer was it possible to talk of right or wrong, of law or the abuse of law. The Castle Gate had been shut in their faces, even the island might refuse to harbour them before many hours had passed. And if that befell, Erik must bear the whole burdens of the day. Such was the possibility which set them talking as the yacht beat up to her moorings, and the cottage came again to their view. They must save their friend, save him, though not a man of them had one clear idea which should guide them.

"We had better let Mona know the truth, and she must be the judge," Ainsworth said to me. "A woman can often see a loophole where a man sees nothing but a brick wall. Whatever happens, I am for sticking on here until the police drive us off. And if they do that, we can make a public question of it next morning."

"Always supposing that you do not humiliate Mona by doing so," said I.

He saw the point and faced it frankly.

"There is bound to be humiliation if she is to claim her rights. You cannot fight these people under a blanket. If we go, the affair is as good as over. They will bring their German here, and there will be treachery. Then you have the prig Oscar, and the family honour redeemed, and all the rest of it. I would as soon return to England without our friend as leave him in a burning house when I had a ladder. And, anyway, they cannot drive us off the sea."

"Meaning that our presence is a guarantee of good faith. I would sooner trust to Mona's wit; it seems to me that is going to be our last resource, Ainsworth, unless you propose assault by fire and water."

"That is out of the question. If we compel them to acknowledge her, it will be because publicity forces them to an issue. Mona may decline to be the instrument, and then you have the cul-de-sac. But I don't think she should do so for Erik's sake, and I wish you to persuade her, Sammy, for she listens to what you have to say just because she thinks you a very simple kind of fellow. Tell her to-night that if she would save her husband she must not be afraid to let the world know that she is his wife. I see no other hope for it. And when she consents, we will just weigh anchor and make for Stockholm as fast as the yacht will carry us. God knows I should be glad enough to turn my back upon this gloomy place."

I agreed with him. The night was coming down with an omen of storm and tempest beyond expectation. A wild wind blew up from the south-east, and the breakers were already whitening the desolate shore. So dark was it that I could discern the cottage with difficulty, and when they set me ashore, for, as ever, I was the chosen ambassador, a heavy surf wet me almost to the skin.

Old Cooke was at the edge of the shingle when I clambered up, and he gave me the news so little expected. True, I had looked for Mona to be there, but when he told me that she was already with Johansson, I had hardly words to answer him.

And yet I think, it began to dawn upon me that I was right after all, and that our hope must be Mona herself, if, indeed, there were any hope left to us at all.

(To be continued.)

Take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to-night before retiring, and just see how good you feel to-morrow.—Advt.

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE DISCOVERY OF NIETZSCHE.

The world, as a respectable poet has assured us, knows nothing of its greatest men. And still less does it know anything of the great ideas that come formative and dynamic upon it, finally to obsess it and force it into the arena of great deeds. Although it seems a paradox, the outstanding characteristic of the nineteenth century was its lack of ideas. It can boast one generalisation—the doctrine of development—that promised to be epic, and became merely episodal. Nothing is more remarkable in the history of thought than the way in which Herbert Spencer, the philosopher of evolution, failed so conspicuously to evolve. The synthetic philosophy begins as science and ends as the survival of the least fit among the philosopher's hereditary prejudices. As he failed to see that the laissez-faire individualism of the old Liberals was incompatible with the higher synthesis of society, so he failed to see that the fundamental doctrine of evolution demanded not an adjustment merely, but very often a reversal, of the theory of morals. No man was ever more completely the victim of his environment than was Herbert Spencer. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the driving force of Darwinism had spent itself before the last quarter of the century, and before it had been able to have any serious effect on the philosophy, the ethics, and the morals of the schools. Evolution, with its development from homogeneity to heterogeneity, has become the creed of warring sects, and it needs transfiguration before it can become again a vital and compelling power over the thoughts of men. It was as a herald of new dawn that Nietzsche came with lips aflame with the divine fire of Dionysus, and with a heart of stone to turn deaf ears to the bootless cries of men. It was as a herald, breathless and in haste, that he shouted his defiance—a defiance wicked and shameful as it seemed to some, wild and meaningless as it seemed to nearly all. But no word returns to him who utters it in vain. It must accomplish whereunto it has been sent. Nearly a quarter of a century ago Nietzsche passed into impenetrable gloom, and now comes a Nietzschean generation knocking at the door. Not in Germany or in France alone, but in an England so amazingly fecund in the stereotyped that it must be sterile to all things new and strange, the spirit of Nietzsche draws to it the young intelligence of the twentieth century. The complete edition of Nietzsche's works now being issued in English is meeting with a quite unexpected demand, and books that undertake their exegesis for the multitude are beginning to pour from the printing presses. Among such is J. M. Kennedy's "The Quintessence of Nietzsche" (Werner Laurie), a capable exposition, clear, concise, covering the ground well enough, the making of a path along which the born Nietzschean may travel to Nietzsche—for no other is there an open way. And the born Nietzschean must make his own philosophy and find his own application of it to life. Nietzsche is no Master-Builder. He did no more than chisel fragmentary intaglios of strange beasts for a Castle Dangerous whose walls never rose, and in which he himself was least of all fit to live. His was but a Pisgah sight of Palestine. Yet he had left behind the ten plagues of Egypt. On smoothed faces of stone high up the mountain he had found the writing of those New Tables he brought down to men wandering in a manna-less land. "This is my morning, my day beginneth; arise now, arise thou great noontide. Thus spake Zarathustra, and left his cave, glowing and strong, like a morning sun coming out of gloomy mountains."

CARDIGAN RECOLLECTIONS.

The Countess of Cardigan and Lancastre is a great lady of the old school. "My Recollections" (Bell) covers some eighty years of life in high places, and it is written with wonderful simplicity and directness. Born in Berkeley-square in 1824, the Countess was the eldest child of Spencer Horsey, and her first recollection is of a children's party, given for the Princess Victoria by William IV. and Queen Adelaide. The Countess was very young and very tired, and innocently went to sleep in the King's own chair. The Duke of Wellington used to come and see her act little French plays in the dining-room with her young brothers, William and Algernon. She heard Tom Moore sing and play, and laughed at the humorous sayings of Theodore Hook. There were many child friendships, among them being one with Louisa Hay, who married Sir Thomas Moncrieffe and had twenty-four children, including the ladies who were afterwards Georgina Countess of Dudley and the Duchess of Atholl. General Cavendish, a groom in waiting, often took the Countess to see Queen Victoria, for whom the General's daughter became a Maid of Honour. One of the characters of the time was Lord Lowther, who once received the Countess and her father in a dirty flannel dressing-gown, surrounded by fifteen little dogs. Incidentally, the Countess dissents from the picture of the early Victorian governess sketched by the Brontes. The summer-time was usually spent at Cowes, which, even in those early days, was crowded with the most reputable persons—and others not quite so reputable. An interesting chapter is given to country house visits, in the forties, very different affairs from the modern week-end. It was in a train after one of these visits that the old Duchess of Cambridge opened a large reticule and took out a German sausage, which she devoured with more gusto than decorum. In 1848 the Countess very nearly married Carlos Luis Fernando de Bourbon, Count de Montemolin, but Carlist politics were unfavourable to passion. The favoured suitor was the Lord Cardigan of Light Brigade fame, at this time a grass widower of 12 years' standing. The Countess, however, had the courage of her convictions, and the marriage took place at Gibraltar, in 1858, a few months after the death of the first Lady Cardigan. Ten years of happiness followed, but an accident in the hunting field cut short Cardigan's career in 1868. Since then the Countess has lived mainly at Deene Park, Northamptonshire, one of the oldest of England's stately homes. The Great Hall dates back to 1086, while the place was bought by the Brudenells in 1518. The White Hall is full of Balaclava relics, including the heads of Cardigan's favourite horses. One of "Ronald's" hoofs, mounted as an inkstand, is in the possession of the King. The horse survived his master several years. In 1873 the Countess married again, her second husband being the Count de Lancastre, who belonged to a Portuguese family descended from the Plantagenets. As a result, the most of several years was spent in Paris and Madrid. Lancastre could not stand the English climate, and consequently lived mostly in Paris, until his death in 1898. For herself, the Countess professes to be as hale and hearty at 84 as she was at 18.

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION.

So much has been written about the French Revolution that he is a bold man who invites us to read yet another book on the subject. Yet the boldness of Prince Kropotkin is entirely justified. "The Great French Revolution" (Heinemann) is distinctly a notable book. It becomes so in part by the scholarly research that has gone to the making of it, but more immediately because it presents history through the medium of a great personality. A book by Prince Kropotkin on a movement toward popular emancipation has the interest that would attach to a biography of John Wesley by, say, Martin Luther. During the last quarter of a century the French historical societies have shed a flood of light on the details of the revolution, but there has been little attempt to deal with its economic aspect. It is to this that Kropotkin devotes himself. He narrates events only to develop their relation to the causative factors of the movement; and he especially insists on the part played by the peasant class—does so, of course, with his eye on "the coming Russian revolution." There are two main currents in pre-revolution history. The first represents the alliance between the middle classes and the eighteenth century philosophers. Of these the former looked to the English revolution as the establishment of an ideal political state, in which king and aristocrat had become almost secondary to the wealthy taxpayer, who found his instrument in the House of Commons; while the latter, by their bold speculation, had swept away the divinity of Kings and the dominance of the Church. But neither class could have provoked a revolutionary movement. That found its raw material in the peasant insurrections which were well-nigh continuous from 1734 to 1783, and which began again worse than before in 1786, and, gaining momentum, quickly worked up to the chaos of 1789. But the peasant was incapable of synthesis, and incapable of combination. And thus it was that the end product of the revolution was, aside from the incidental factor of a military despotism, the triumphant emergence not of democracy but of middle-class plutocracy. Such a result was inevitable. Aristocracy, no longer the legitimate sway of the strongest, had become parasitic. Yet it was not because aristocracy had lost the characteristics of the Overman that its institutions rotted and crumbled. Men are but the symptoms of history. Its silent forces are impersonal. At the root of the revolution lie two facts, for which aristocracy has no responsibility. One is that society had come to the point when the authority of the State had to be made systematic and secure—we forget how recent a development is the modern State, with its all but universal acquiescence in law, its closely-knit administration, its easy working as a complex machine, impossible in any age before the age of steel and steam. The other is that the rise of industrialism was altering the centre of gravity of society. At the Revolution only one class—the middle commercial class, with its ally the small class of propertied peasants—were ready to seize power, and knew what to do with it when they had it. Such, in brief, are the fundamental conceptions in the light of which Kropotkin begins to write. He covers the ground from the storming of the Bastille to the First Consulate, marshalling a great mass of facts with wonderful sobriety, clearness, and force. During the four years of revolution a new France had been born—a France that no reaction could destroy—a France that made Napoleon's triumphs possible. The peasant ploughed the lands he had taken from the aristocrats and the Church, and goaded his oxen to the cry of "Allons, Prusse! Allons, Autriche!" For the first time in centuries the peasant ate his fill, and felt as if he could carry the fourteen armies of the Republic on his back. And this heritage of prosperous peasant proprietorship remained, when all seemed lost, to be the strong foundation of the France of to-day.

THE THEORY OF THE BEAUTIFUL.

The science of Aesthetics still awaits its Westermarck. Although there is a large literature which comes in contact with the problem of the Beautiful, and incidentally gathers together a large mass of raw material, no one so far has applied the comparative method of criticism with a sufficient fulness to enable us to make any really substantial generalisation as to the origin of ideas in Aesthetics; and it is obviously the comparative method alone that can assure us of our ground. Mr. Douglas Ainslie is a Scotch verse writer partly emancipated from Hegel, and he finds in Benedetto Croce, an Italian critic educated in Germany, and rather more emancipated from Hegel, the forerunner of the science of the Beautiful. He accordingly translates for us Croce's "Aesthetic" (Macmillan), which is really a section of a magnum opus expounding "The Philosophy of the Spirit." Croce is a Neapolitan, born in 1866, and chiefly known as the editor of a leading critical journal. Croce's main object is to redeem the world from the "miscalled philosophy" of natural science and to rehabilitate the spirit in modern thought. Hence he is bound to remain pretty largely Hegelian, however he revolts from some of Hegel's specific doctrines. It is obvious, therefore, that we shall find Croce explaining aesthetics "per ignotum." After putting out of court empirical, hedonist, intellectualist, agnostic, and mystical aesthetics, he announces what he calls the aesthetic of the pure intuition. "Art, therefore, is intuition, in so far as it is a mode of knowledge, not abstract, but concrete, and in so far as it was the real, without changing or falsifying it. In so far as it apprehends it immediately before it is modified and made clear by the concept, it must be called pure intuition." There follows a certain fundamental identity between intuition and expression, between art and language. "Pure intuition, since it does not produce concepts, must represent the will in its manifestation; that is to say, it can represent nothing but states of the soul"—and so we come upon our "ignotum." We do not think that Croce can help us much on these lines, but he is a fresh and vigorous writer, and his criticisms of various aesthetic systems are excellent. Croce is really a reactionary, with strong affinities to the mystical and romantic schools of philosophy, and he will have, of course, nothing to do with naturalism in any shape or form. Yet it would be curious, to say the least, if a method which has proved itself to be the only one of value in dealing with the phenomenal world should break down completely when it comes to an analysis of that function of a colonial organism which we may call roughly "the soul." Inasmuch as the most cursory application of the comparative method shows us that aesthetics are as contradictory as are moral ideas, we are, moreover, asked how it is, in accordance with any "philosophy of the spirit," that "pure intuitions" are apparently so complete a product of environment? The real truth, no doubt, is that a physiology of aesthetic must precede a philosophy of aesthetic. Meanwhile, if science were prone to speculation, it would not perhaps be impossible to take as the basis of aesthetic theory the principle of least effort as applied to the metabolism of nerve structure. Why, for instance, as civilisation becomes more nerve-racked, do we "instinctively" prefer "low tones" to "high colours?" Why do we prefer a classic Greek sculpture to a perfect piece of waxworks? Of course we must remember that the whole "content" of a work of art is not necessarily aesthetic. It may not be aesthetic at all. Cleared of that difficulty, it would not be surprising if the doctrine of metabolic economy went a good deal further than the doctrine of "pure intuition"—whatever that may be. The true theory of aesthetic is summed up in Aubrey Beardsley's sketch of an Archbishop sitting on a wheelbarrow. The drawing consists of two lines for the wheelbarrow, and one for the Archbishop. Our insistence on economy of effort in the artist is the complement of the economy of effort which the percipient calls his aesthetic sense.

RECENT FICTION.

Herbert Pym's "The Man with Thirty Lives" (Everett) begins by being occult and mysterious, but it tails off into a very ordinary story. Felix Jandor, steeped in Indian mysticism, takes up the theory that there are more bodies than souls. The quantity of souls is fixed, while the number of bodies obviously increases. Hence the same soul has to use various bodies in succession, and to some extent it can re-create its past. It does so for specific purposes, such as the search for hidden treasures, and this last becomes the main motive of the book. All you have to do is to find out the exact spot where your previous body once was, and, taking up your stand there, blow out two candles. A couple of commonplace persons, who are quite willing to be rich, have their pasts reconstructed for them. One has buried a million sterling in Westminster Abbey, and the other another million in the middle of what has become Trafalgar-square. Some ingenuity is shown in recovering the amounts.

There are several good additions to Methuen's Colonial Library (through George Robertson). Sir Gilbert Parker, in "Northern Lights," gives us another series of short stories of the familiar type associated with his name. All deal with episodes in the far West. The first five are reminiscent of border days and deeds before the great railway was built. The remaining sketches date after the coming of the North-west Police and the Pullman car, and show the pathetic or humorous displacement of the earlier and more lawless type of pioneer. Sir Gilbert has not forgotten his North-west.

W. W. Jacobs' "Sailors' Knots" is a good specimen of his peculiar humour served up in a collection of a dozen short stories. The first tells how a deserting Tommy was transformed into a Zulu chief, which he thought cheap at the price—but he changed his mind when he was expected to marry the Zulu squaw of the variety show. The narrator of the yarns is the much-experienced night-watchman, and they are all funny enough in their way. Mrs. Henry de la Pasture's "The Tyrant" belongs to the harmless necessary order of novel. It is cleverly enough put together, and the quite ordinary characters are human and rather interesting. There is an irascible heavy father of considerable wealth, who lords it over his wife and family until he discovers that he has heart disease. He goes for a trip to New Zealand, and in his absence the girls get happily married and the boys follow their hearts' desire to book reviewing and the Argentine. When the heavy father returns he is as irascible as ever, but fortunately has a fatal attack in a day or two, and everyone is happy.

J. C. Lincoln's "Our Village" owes some apologies to Miss Mitford, but in this case the village is of American origin. The several chapters cover reminiscences of boy life in a New England seashore village, with such titles as "A Cape Cod Clambake," "The School Picnic," "Our Oldest Inhabitant," and "Teacher." There is a certain literary quality in the treatment of the themes. (From George Robertson.)

Ian Hay's "A Man's Man" (Blackwood) is a bright and breezy book, smacking strongly of the sea. The hero, Hughie, has the freshness of the sea in his blood, and whether he is stroking his college boat, or foiling a villain who means to scuttle a ship, or playing knight-errant for Joan Gaymer, he is always sterling stuff, with the vigour and humour of unsullied youth strong in him. The story is mostly Hughie, but he is quite enough to win our interest to the end.

SHORTER NOTICES.

Dr. J. C. Wright, formerly Archdeacon of Manchester, now Archbishop of Sydney—the use of the term "Lord" on the title-page is not warranted—collects a number of addresses and articles under the title "Thoughts on Modern Church Life and Work." The papers have been read at various Church congresses, and deal with such topics as the duties of the clergy in municipal life, the use of wealth, the ministry of the cathedral, functions of churchwardens, and so on. The volume will be read with interest by Church people, though it has no very strong colouring.

"Australian Heart Songs and Sonnets" (Marchant and Co.) is a collection of miscellaneous verses by Annie B. Ellard. The poems are generally religious and reflective in tone, and express a warmly sympathetic nature and a cheerful optimism of an orthodox character. No very high literary level is reached, but there will be many to whom the tastefully printed volume will appeal.

Two new books on bridge reach us. "The Game of Bridge," by "Cut-Cavendish" (Laurie), is a brief and elementary but quite authoritative exposition. Although short, the author's wide experience of card games enables him to teach a great deal in a little space. Archibald Dunn's "Auction Bridge" (Mills and Boon) gives an account of this special form of the game, much more intricate than the ordinary variety. The book does not pretend to provide for every contingency, but it will prove very useful to players of small experience.

In "Wrestling" (Health and Strength Company) the great Hackenschmidt gives an excellent little manual of the sport, describing every movement with painstaking accuracy, and giving invaluable hints on tactics and strategy. As a pastmaster in the art the author may be relied on for good advice. There are over 70 photographs showing the recognised holds.

The indefatigable Alfred H. Miles, in "Drawing-room Entertainments" (Stanley Paul), collects a number of monologues and duologues, most of them by Catherine Evelyn and Clare Shirley. They are no doubt eminently suitable for the purpose for which they are intended.

Hodder and Stoughton are issuing a new series of small handbooks, useful as guides to the collector of old china and other things. The author is N. Hudson Moore, whose books on similar subjects are well known. The two specimens before us deal with Delftware and Wedgwood respectively. They are both clear and brief, and the illustrations are excellent.

T. Werner Laurie issues "Chats on Electricity," by Frank Broadbent. The author is an electrical engineer of high standing, and he is well fitted to give a popular account of the more common applications of electricity. He does not, however, describe electrical apparatus in any great detail, being more concerned to give the reader a grip of the principles involved. He groups his treatment round the heating, chemical, and magnetic properties of the current. The greater part of the book is given to a simple exposition of the practical applications of the current, and this exposition is, as a rule, clear and good, though there is nothing novel about it.

Mr. Norman Alliston is a man with ideas. His "In the Abstract" (Swan Sonnenschein) is a collection of short essays with not much in common, except a certain original way of looking at things. Thus there is a rather obvious criticism of the metaphysical assumption underlying Newton's first law of motion, a denunciation of Bode's law as to the relationship of the planetary distances, together with some general essays on invention, materialism, and so on. They are worth reading.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Heart, Songs, and Sonnets: Ellard (Marchant).
Observational Geography: Vout (Salkeld and Wallace).
Steam in the Southern Pacific: Lawson (Gordon and Gotch).
Science and Mystery of Prayer: Spurr (Christian World Co.).
Martyrdom of Ferrer: McCabe (Watts and Co.).
The Children's Dickens: Jackson (Jack).
The Children's Scott: Jackson (Jack).
A History of Story-telling: Ransome (Jack).
The Book of Friendship: Ransome (Jack).
Legends of Italy: Steedman (Jack).
With Nature's Children: Gask (Harrap).
Myths of the Middle Ages: Guerber (Harrap).
Cuchulain: Hull (Harrap).
Hereward: Stedman (Harrap).
Omar Khayyam: Pogany (Harrap).
Later Poems from Punch (Harrap).
The Poetry of Earth: A Nature Anthology (Harrap).
Epistle to Corinthians: Rendall (Macmillan).
Alpha Centauri: Forrest (Lothian).
Tribunal of the Terror: Lenotre (Heinemann).
Scenes from the Life of St. Paul: Howson (R.T.S.).
Growth of Nations: Smith (Swan Sonnenschein).
Book of Cupid: An Anthology (Constable).
Italian Homes: Henry James and J. Pennell (Heinemann).

FICTION.

The Top Dog: Fergus Hume (Bell, through Dymock).
The Caravaners: Author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden" (Bell, through Dymock).
The Great Appeal: Keating (Bell, through Dymock).
On the Branch: Coulevain (Bell, through Dymock).
Philip Murton: Lilley (Christian World Co.).
Little Tin Soldier: Mar (Chambers).
The Wine in the Cup: (Werner Laurie).

OUR TELEPHONES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—"A. F. W." writes that he is a stranger to New South Wales, which, of course, accounts for his admiration of our alleged resignation to the present deplorable state of affairs. But let me tell him that we are not a resigned public. On the contrary, the telephones have made us an irritable, irascible, explosive, and epileptic public—a sarcastic, complaining, and threatening public. The telephone has warped our better natures and made us as irritable as an aged tomcat.

The fact is that in the hands of the Government the telephone system is very imperfect, and scarcely fit for commercial use. Then the attendance is so vile that it is beyond description. Take your receiver off the hook, and in many cases minutes will elapse before Central will respond. Ask for a suburban exchange, and if it is not engaged you will be connected and allowed to stay there till you go mad. You can't get the number you want, and you can't get off that suburb, and in the meantime, of course, your telephone is described as "engaged," and no one can get on to you.

The Government have failed so utterly in their attempt to install a telephone system that is of any commercial use, that they should surely abandon the effort and make way for private enterprise.

I am, etc.,

R. F. M.

Dec. 23.

TO AID DIGESTION.

The peculiarly alluring twang of "O.T." makes it an excellent liquor after meals. Sufferers from indigestion will get relief if they take a small wine-glassful of "O.T." in a tumbler of hot water.—Advt.

FOR MOSQUITO BITES, WASP, or BEE STINGS, nothing allays the irritation so quickly as SCHUPP'S AMMONIA. Sold by all Grocers and Chemists. Avoid injurious imitations.—Advt.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

The Royal Sydney Philharmonic Society gives this afternoon its first concert under the new title bestowed upon it by King Edward VII., and thus closes its year with a new prestige worthily won by past performance. The annual interpretation of the "Messiah," with all the power and pomp and tenderness required to unveil the brightness of its majesty, must ever be regarded as one of the most important duties of such an association; and the discovery last year that the public would crowd in to hear the great work in the afternoon agreeably solved the financial difficulty raised by the City Council under the new system of high tendering for all holiday nights. This "lion in the path" threatened the popularity of the Philharmonic, which is more vital to its continued existence even than its prestige, though the two should walk hand in hand. The record of this great association almost covers the history of oratorio in Australia. Mr. Isaac Nathan conducted the first festival of this kind at St. Mary's Cathedral in 1841, and the original S.P.S. was founded under the familiar title in 1854. The first concert was held at the Royal Hotel, George-street, on December 3, 1855. Mr. John Deane conducted, and Mme. Anna Bishop and Miss Flora Harris (the Mrs. Sheridan Moore of the present committee) were amongst the soloists. The first conductor of the present society was Max Vogrich (1885), followed by Henri Kowalski, Roberto Hazon, and (from the Glasgow Choral Union) Joseph Bradley.

Sir Rupert Clarke, Bart., has returned from London, and brings with him the news that the new theatrical firm of Clarke and Meynell has negotiations well advanced with two dramatic stars of eminence for 1911, and that the inclusion in their operatic speculations of Mr. Milton Bode, who controls some 30 different playhouses in the English provinces, will assist them in developing an important scheme. This is no less than the purchase of options on untried musical comedies from fully a score of leading authors and composers in London for trial runs on this side. Those pieces that succeed will be subsequently produced in London at a theatre which will be leased for that purpose. Australian playgoers are regarded as the keenest of critics by the new firm, and their verdict will be accepted as final. As regards the present Criterion season, it will not be long, and will include two pieces new to Sydney, "The Girl Behind the Counter" and the Strand Theatre success of two years ago, "Sergeant Brue"—the musical story of a wealthy society woman enamoured of a police officer. Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton will open for their farewell in the middle of February, and will probably be seen in "The Merchant of Venice," "As You Like It," and "Count Hannibal." These artists reappear in London next October. The coming of Mr. Matheson Lang will form one of the big events of next year. In 1907 this actor played a fine part in "John Glayde's Honour" at the St. James's Theatre, and since then has starred at the Lyceum Theatre as the Rev. John Storm, Romeo, Hamlet, and Pete. His wife, Miss Hutin Britton, was leading lady at that popular playhouse during the same period, and comes here with him. In this way they will open their Australian season at the Criterion on May 21 in "Pete." Mr. Lang is just now filling an important engagement at the New (Millionaires') Theatre, New York. This season will bring playgoers well up to the middle of the year. Some time in July Clarke and Meynell's re-formed comic opera combination will be over here from Melbourne. The artists retained will be Miss Essie Perrin, Messrs. Wm. Cromwell, Harold Thorley, Victor Champion (conductor), and Chas. Wenman (stage director). Sir Rupert Clarke and Mr. Wenman saw innumerable productions in England in their search for the new people. The principal engagements are Miss Maie Sydney, a concert-room soprano (originally from this side), who has had a lot of experience with the George Edwardes' companies as prima donna; Miss Gertrude Gillian, a soubrette who has understudied both Marie Studholme and Gertie Millar, occasionally replacing them in leading parts in London and on tour; Miss Constance Laite, accustomed to responsible singing parts on the English stage, and recently prima donna in India with Maurice Bandman's comic opera company; Tom Walls, a well-known London comedian, recently at the Empire Theatre; Alf. Selby, a "pocket" comedian of humorous gifts in the style of Mr. Tom Payne; Tom Stone, comedian and dancer; and Miss Kavanagh, an actress and singer from George Dance's companies. The new artists will first be seen here in "The Arcadians," and later in the spectacular regimental piece, "The Gay Gordons."

"The Corsican Brothers," in which Mr. Julius Knight appears at the Theatre Royal for the first time on Monday, is an old drama that has vigorously survived the wear and tear of some seventy years. The late Alfred Dampier played it in 1887, but when George Rignold staged it picturesquely at Her Majesty's Theatre in 1891 it had not been produced "in the grand manner" for a long period. Now again it is to burst into unaccustomed flower. The elder Dumas is credited with having first given literary life to "Les Deux Corses." The author of "The Three Musketeers" once travelled in Corsica, and in his "Impressions de Voyage" he told the whole story as one in which he himself took part. He witnessed also the famous duel, which was really fought with pistols at Vincennes, not with swords at Fontainbleau, as in the romance. Readers of this sketch were deeply impressed with the hush and dread of impending horror which precedes the appearance of Louis' spirit to his brother Fabian, as the latter sits in the deserted hall penning a few lines of loving inquiry to the murdered man. The French dramatists of that epoch, MM. E. Grange and X. de Montepin, at once elaborated a play upon Dumas' little romance, and produced it in Paris at the Theatre Historique on August 10, 1850. Fechter played in the original version, but shortened it for his production in London at the Princess's Theatre some years later. Before this, namely, in 1852, the elder Boucicault had prepared "The Corsican Brothers" for the London stage. Charles Kean appeared in it at the same hour, and Fechter was further anticipated in 1855 by G. V. Brooke, who starred at Drury Lane in a version that demanded six or seven acts. Indeed, there was quite a vogue for the new "ghost story," which first appeared in English in "Ainsworth's Magazine" for August, 1845, under the title of "The Sympathy of the Twin-born." This condensed account referred to Dumas' stay at the chateau of the Comtessa Savilia dei Franchi in the village of Sullacaro, and traced the whole origin of the legend. After Fechter's day, "The Corsican Brothers" was alternately revived and burlesqued in a small way until Henry Irving's great production of 1880, with William Terriss as the villain Chateau Renaud, and Miss Emily Fowler as Emily de Lesparre. In the Sydney production Mr. Rignold was associated in these characters with H. R. Jewett and Edith Blande.

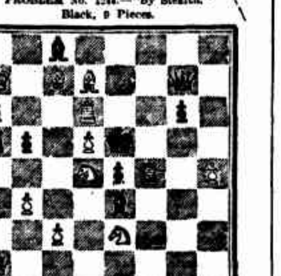
Three American pieces secured during the year by Mr. J. C. Williamson are "When Knighthood was in Flower," "The Lion and the Mouse," and "The Third Degree." The first of these is an attractive costume comedy of the "Dorothy Vernon" period, and will be added to the repertoire of Miss Nellie Stewart. The other two are modern dramas dealing with questions of the day. This firm anticipated Christmas in Melbourne by producing "Aladdin" last Saturday, with Miss Lily Iris in the name-part, and Miss Clara Beck as principal girl. A ballet of Australia's beautiful birds, from black swans to white cockatoos; a fire ballet, in which the fire maidens' home resembled a roaring furnace, with flames from many altars, and spectacular effects behind; and a fire balloon, which floated right into the darkened auditorium bearing Miss Nance Maher singing on her way—are amongst the chief novelties of the new Christmas show.

Thursday's cablegram from London, announcing the success of Miss Tittell Brune as Claire Forster in "A Woman in the Case," at the New Theatre, will especially interest Australasian playgoers. Since June 3 last Miss Violet Vanbrugh has been playing this part in the late Clyde Fitch's new play, and concerning her triumph in it one critic regretted that it should be in a character so repellent—"adventuress, drunkard, miser, and murderer by intention." It is said to present great opportunities to the actress, so that, from that standpoint, Miss Brune is fortunate to secure such an opening for her first appearance in London.

CHESS.

Hon. secretaries of chess clubs are invited to furnish news of general interest. Unpublished games and original problems in diagram (which should be accompanied by analysis) are always acceptable.

"Herald" Fifteenth Tourney.
PROBLEM No. 1244.—"By Stealth."
Black, 9 Pieces.



White, 12 Pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Forsyth Notation Modified.—2b, 3K, 1BB, 2q, 1p, 2R, 2p, 1rp, 1Pk, 6NpR, 1P, 1P, 2b, 5P, 1N, 3Q, 7.

Key.—Counting from Black's QR square, the initial letter of piece is put for the square occupied thereby. Numerals denote intervening blank squares. Black pieces in small type.

PROBLEM No. 1245.—"The Pretender."

Forsyth Notation Modified.—1K, 6B, 2N, 2Q, 5p, 1b, 2pR, 1N, 2p, 3kp, 1ln, 1P, 1R, 1nbr, 5q, 1. Mate in two.

PROBLEM No. 1238.—"Silent."
Key: KtB2.

Correct solutions from F. C. Freeman, Can't B Beat, J. S. Matters, H. Roper, H. Beechey, P. M. Litchfield, B. M. Wyatt, A. Davis, J. Harvey, W. J. Smith, H. Porter, J. C. Warner, King's Pawn, E. M. Fry, F. B. Smith, R. H. Bulmer, O. Hegman.

PROBLEM No 1239.—"Eden."
Key: BR7.

Correct solutions from J. S. Matters, H. Beechey, P. M. Litchfield, A. Davis, J. Harvey, W. J. Smith, Esperanto, King's Pawn, F. B. Smith.

Correct solutions not above mentioned have reached us too late to score in tourney. They will, however, be acknowledged in our next issue.

HERALD SIXTIETH SOLUTION TOURNEY.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" Sixtieth Solution Tourney opens with next issue. Conditions: Solutions, the unaided work of solvers, must reach this office by Monday fortnight after the appearance of problems, which are limited to one two-mover a week. The key-move only need be given. In the case of unsound problems—if there is no solution, a statement to that effect is necessary; if more than one, any one of them will score. An incorrect solution prevents points being obtained for a correct solution accompanying it. Special section: Conditions same as above, except that all problems appearing during the quarter are included, and a point given for each key of an unsound problem with more than one solution. We have pleasure in offering a memento in each section for the highest score or scores. Noms-de-guerre may be used, but name and address should accompany first and last weeks' solutions. As complaints reach us from time to time of letters going astray, competitors are recommended to send in solutions each week, repeating those of the previous week.

NOTES.

Sydney School of Arts Christmas Handicap Tourney.—The leading scores are: Anderson, 8½—1½; F. Coombes, 8—1; McNaught, 7—3.

Sydney Suburban Chess Union.—C. grade scores to date are: School of Arts, 6½—2½; Granville, 6½—2½; St. Leonards, 5½—3½; St. John's, 5—4; Marrickville, 2½—6½; Glebe, 1—8. One more round to play.

La Strategie Numa Preti Problem Tourney.—The awards in this great competition are announced:—Two-move section: 1st, M. Marble; 2nd, G. J. Slater; 3rd and 4th (tie), G. J. Slater and T. H. Billington; hon. mention, A. W. Daniel, W. Paul; 17 hon. mention in alphabetical order, Bettman (2), Charlick, Daniel (2), Henneberger, Jespersen, Kubbel (2), Lissner, Mosely, Nielsen, Palkoska (2), Salthouse, Slater (2). Three-move section: First prize, M. Marble; second, Huge; third, Karstedt; fourth, Kubbel; hon. mention, M. Marble; second hon. mention, Kubbel; mention, Berger, St. G. Burke, Charlick (2), Cisar, Daniel, Dobbs, Elkan, Galitzky, Henneberger, Herland, Kaiser, De Koning, Kubbel, Marin, Przepiorka, Salkund, Sardotsch, Skinkman (2). We notice Mr. Charlick's name in both lists, also Mr. Mosely's in the two-move section.

The Sydney School of Arts Chess Picnic.—A highly-successful gathering took place last Saturday, when a number of prominent chessplayers held an enjoyable launch picnic. The Lady Dudley took the party up Middle Harbour. Among others present were Mrs. Jacobsen, whose husband is probably the strongest player Australia has ever seen; Mrs. Nash, Mrs. F. T. Calvert, Rev. G. G. Middleton, Mr. A. H. Nash (president, Sydney S. of A. C.C.), Mr. Calvert (hon. secretary N.S.W. C.A.), Mr. Spencer Crakanthorp (chess champion of N.S.W.), and Messrs. Rignold, Bradshaw, Ford, and M'Naught. A landing was effected, and refreshments partaken of. A number of toasts were proposed, and Rev. G. G. Middleton had to leave, as he was to assist in mating a couple. Dancing under some difficulties rounded off an enjoyable outing. The experiment of a launch picnic was so successful that it might well be repeated on a more ambitious scale.

Sydney C.C. Continuous Tourney.—Results to date: Henderson beat Spence, Britton, and Berry (2); Berry beat Nicholls (2), Spence (2), Britton (2); Britton beat Berry (2).

S.S.C.U.

SCHOOL OF ARTS v MANLY.

School of Arts: (1) Mr. Bradshaw, ½; (2) Mr. Tyler, ½; (3) Mr. Cummings ½; (4) Mr. Calvert, ½; (5) Mr. M'Naught, 1. Total, 3.

Manly: (1) Mr. L. S. Crakanthorp, ½; (2) Mr. S. Crakanthorp, ½; (3) Mr. Gaukrodger, ½; (4) Mr. Hales, ½; (5) Mr. Tom, 0. Total, 2.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.S.M. and O.H.—Many thanks. G. W. Baynes noted.

DRAUGHTS.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. Thom: I am pleased to say your play on 1172 is A1. F. Turner: For yours, thanks. C. Thomas: Your Kelso game to hand. Thanks. Correct solutions from F. T., C. T., "Neil," "Mack," Con. D., Begs, W. Thom, and J. Wills.

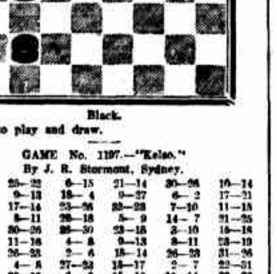
SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM No. 1185.

Black men: 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 19.
White men: 16, 18, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31.
White to play and draw.

This was given as 1172, with the terms as above. Mr. W. Thom, Tamworth, proposes to win as follows:—18—15, a6—8, 15—11, 8—15, 21—17, 13—22, 25—2. Wins. (a) 10—14, 15—11, 7—10, 26—22, b10—15, 22—17, 13—22, 26—10. Wins. (b) 1—5, 16—12. Wins.

PROBLEM No. 1188.
By T. M. Macgregor.
White.



Black.

Black to play and draw.

GAME No. 1197.—"Kelso."
By J. R. Stormont, Sydney.

10—15	25—22	6—15	21—14	30—26	10—14
22—17	9—13	18—4	9—27	6—2	17—21
11—16	17—14	23—26	32—23	7—10	11—15
23—19	8—11	28—18	5—9	14—7	21—25
16—23	30—26	26—30	23—18	3—10	15—18
26—10	11—16	4—8	9—13	8—11	23—19
6—15	26—23	2—6	18—14	26—23	31—26
24—19	4—8	27—23	13—17	2—7	22—31
15—24	23—18	6—9	15—10	10—14	29—22
28—19	16—23	18—15	17—22	7—10	and
1—6	14—10	13—17	10—6	14—17	draw.

GAME No. 1198.—Double Corner.

Two tourney games from the "Otago Witness." Played between Mr. P. Mark and Mr. F. Langston.

Mr. Mark moved.

9—14	10—15	3—7	10—16	18—22	9—6
24—19	19—10	28—24	13—26	21—17	17—21
11—16	6—22	7—10	31—6	5—9	6—2
22—18	27—10	24—19	9—13	17—13	29—25
5—9	7—14	1—5	6—1	9—14	2—7
26—22	25—18	18—15	2—6	13—9	25—22
16—20	8—11	11—18	1—17	14—17	7—11
22—17	20—25	White wins.			

GAME No. 1199—Double Corner.

Mr. Langston moved.

9—14	28—19	7—23	25—2	7—16	28—7
24—19	8—11	26—19	3—7	23—18	2—11
11—15	25—22	4—8	31—26	9—14	Drawn.
22—18	11—15	32—18	1—5	18—9	
15—24	22—18	6—9	26—23	5—14	
18—9	14—23	30—25	11—15	30—25	
5—14	27—11	8—11	18—11	14—18	

NOTES.

A return team match between the Glebe W.I. Club and the Western Suburbs was played this month with 10 a side. Following is the order of play and score:—

Wins.	Glebe team.	Draws.	West Subs.	Wins.
1	Mr. W. A. Cobbin (capt.)	—	Mr. Walsh (capt.)	—
2	Mr. Ware	—	Mr. Johnston	1
—	Mr. Dorset	—	Mr. Amery	2
—	Mr. Rixon	1	Mr. Brennan	3
1	Mr. Rickards	1	Mr. Miller	2
—	Mr. Fortescue	1	Mr. Meaney	3
—	Mr. Ball	1	Mr. Wren	3
3	Mr. Young	—	Mr. Scott	1
2	Mr. M'Leod	1	Mr. East	1
2	Mr. M'Kenzie	—	Mr. Scarabrook	1

Glebe won 12, drew 5, and lost 18.

Mr. J. Brennan, the secretary of the Western Suburbs Club, says this is one win each. The result of a third match should bring forth some good play from both sides to secure the rubber.

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PRUDENCE M'KEE.

Carr-street, South Geelong, 6th February, 1908.

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LIFE IN LONDON AND THEREABOUT.

(CHRONICLED BY HENRY W. LUCY.)

The Doomed Budget—"I Forgot Goschen"—Lord Halsbury's Flight—Ouida and no Duchess—Captain Scott's Expedition.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 19.

The terms in which Lord Lansdowne's amendment to the motion for the second reading of the Budget Bill are framed, suggest to some authorities an ingenious proposition. It is pointed out that they do not definitely reject the bill, merely withholding the consent of the House of Lords until it has been committed to the judgment of the country. This, it is said, is hanging up the measure with design to enter into negotiations with the Government aimed at passing the measure in modified form. This suggestion is founded upon a double error. It is quite true, the amendment does not categorically reject the bill, neither does the ordinary form of hostile amendment in common use in both House. This does not straightforth reject the measure under consideration. It merely proposes that the bill "shall be read a second time (or a third time, as the case may be), on this day six months." This is done with full knowledge that six months thereafter Parliament will not be sitting, and, consequently there will be nobody to put forward the bill. As the session draws nearer to a close, the term of postponement is nicely graduated, being finally reduced to "this day three months."

The second error underlying the theory is that there is any opening or opportunity for negotiations between Lords and Commons on the subject of the Budget. The Lords must either take it or leave it. They cannot be permitted to mend it. That being so, and the Opposition having a majority of five to one against the Government, the fate of the bill is sealed by Lord Lansdowne's amendment, and Thursday in next week will see its end formally decreed. In yielding to the almost physical pressure placed upon him by the Backwoodsmen, Lord Lansdowne finds himeself separated from some 30 members of his party, including such representative statesmen as Lord St. Aldwyn and Lord Cromer. These decline to be parties to a breach in a constitutional precept which, over a period of 300 years, has successfully upheld the sole right of the House of Commons to control national finance. It will be interesting to see how many of these statesmen will have the courage of their opinion, and will speak and vote against the innovation. It is certain that all will abstain from following their leader into the division lobby.

In his life of his father, a masterpiece of biography sufficient of itself to establish the fame of its author, Mr. Winston Churchill threw doubt upon the authenticity of the story attributing to Lord Randolph Churchill the remark made at a critical epoch of his career, "I forgot Goschen." It originally appeared in this column shortly after Lord Randolph's resignation of the Chancellorship of the Exchequer, an action which, as things turned out, was practically the close of a great career. It was repeated with fuller detail in "Memories of Eight Parliaments," a book published last year, wherein it is stated that a day or two after he had taken the fatal step, Lord Randolph, walking up St. James'-street, "met a lady well known in political and social circles," who, in response to his confident assurance that Lord Salisbury must beg him to withdraw his resignation, hinted at private information that the Premier was in treaty with Mr. Goschen. In Lady St. Helier's Reminiscences, just published, the identity of the lady, which I had no authority to disclose, is revealed. It was to her ladyship, at the time Lady Jeune, that in the circumstances described, Lord Randolph, struck with consternation at discovering that what he regarded as his winning card was trumped, made the historic confession.

The announcement, made some months ago, that Lady St. Helier was preparing her memoirs created a feeling of eager expectation throughout an exceptionally wide circle. There is no lady of the present day who has lived so long in the inner circle of social and political life. For full forty years she has personally known everyone of distinction. A popular hostess, she gathered at her dinner table and her evening parties a veritable zoological gardens of the lions and other big creatures of the day and hour. It was reasonably anticipated that her book would exceed in interest anything of the kind that has appeared through a long succession of publishing seasons. Possibly it is due to exaggerated expectation that something of disappointment has supervened. Moreover, the book happened to come out immediately after the highly-spiced dishes of Lady Cardigan's Recollections. By comparison with that audacious series of revelations, Lady St. Helier's Reminiscences seem a trifle dull. Restrained by the sacredness of private confidences, embarrassed by the circumstance that many persons of whom she writes are still alive, she is almost provokingly discreet.

Not being bound by similar responsibilities, I may recall two interesting episodes to which no reference is found in her book. At one of her dinner parties the guest of the evening was Lord Halsbury, at the time Lord Chancellor, who was accompanied by his wife. On the stroke of the dinner hour, at which time the company seemed to be complete, the door opened and the butler announced Mr. and Mrs. ——. The gentleman was a well-known and highly-popular member of the House of Commons, at the time occupying an exceptionally influential position in the political world. His household arrangements had been recently, in no sense prematurely, regularised by marriage, and this w[illegible] of the earliest appearances of the cou[illegible] social world. The Lord Chancellor [illegible] pained, but not prolonged pause, ap[illegible] his hostess, whispered a word in her ear, and, accompanied by Lady Halsbury, left the room and the house, going home dinnerless.

The other occasion was a luncheon arranged for the reception of Ouida on one of her occasional visits to London. The novelist, through whose pages duchesses and countesses, not to speak of dukes and earls, glitter with a frequency that almost makes them commonplace, had really never been in the company of a live duchess. Lady Jeune, kindest, most good-natured of women, arranged to fill up this deplorable gap in life. A well known duchess was invited to the luncheon party, and accepted the invitation. At the last moment her Grace found herself unable to fulfil her engagement. The message was communicated to Ouida on her arrival, with lamentable effect. She had come to sit in the same room, nay, at the same table, with a real duchess, and here was irreparable slip between the cup and the lip. Through the meal the author of "Strathmore" sat in a state of stony frigidity, not to be thawed by the winning manner of her hostess, nor the attentions of the company, which included one Baron of the United Kingdom and a K.C.B.

Subscriptions towards the new British Antarctic expedition, under the command of Captain Scott, still leave some thousands of pounds to be desired in order to complete the necessary sum of £40,000. The Mansion House meeting yielded fairly good results, and one or two of the learned societies have sent in subscriptions. But Captain Scott has found it necessary to make a private appeal in the form of a circular soliciting funds. Setting apart a sum of £12,000 for the purchase of a vessel (less than a quarter of the cost of the Discovery), he leaves £28,000 for expenses. Confident of finally raising the necessary sum, he is actively engaged in the preliminaries of the expedition. He has despatched an experienced member of his staff to Siberia, to select and purchase ponies and dogs required for the work. Greatly struck by the success of the motor Lieutenant Shackleton took with him as part of his equipment, Captain Scott is having motor sledges built, with improvements suggested by the experience gained during the voyage of the Discovery. It is intended as soon as they are finished to ship them to Norway, where trials of their capacity will be made in conditions as closely parallel as is accessible to those which await them in Antarctic regions.

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THE GLADSTONE CENTENARY.

BY M.M.

William Ewart Gladstone was born on December 29, 1809; he died on May 19, 1898. The baldest paragraph summarising the outstanding facts of his career becomes an essay on longevity, for if the length of a man's life is to be reckoned by the number of his deeds, rather than of his years, Gladstone lived longer than Methuselah. He entered the House of Commons in 1832, five years earlier than his great rival, Disraeli. He remained a member of it for 14 years after Lord Beaconsfield's death, in 1881. Right through the 60 odd years, from 1832 to 1894, Gladstone took an active part in Parliamentary debate, save during the memorable session of 1846, when he was a Minister of the Crown without a portfolio, and during the first session of 1847. He took office for the first time in 1835, when he was 26; he resigned the Premiership in 1894, when he was 85. Ignoring minor positions, he was Chancellor of the Exchequer in four Ministries, and was at the head of four others.

Even had Gladstone devoted his whole energy to politics, that brief statement of his achievements would be astounding, but he wrote voluminously, and on an extraordinary range of subjects. His book, "The State in its Relations with the Church," published in 1838, or Lord Macaulay's brilliant essay on it in the "Edinburgh Review," brought Gladstone to the fore. And if it is objected—by those who have not read the volume—that a treatise on Church and State is merely a political pamphlet, no such objection can be urged against a great part of his literary efforts. He discussed the poems of Homer, he battled with Huxley concerning the Gadarene swine, he wrote of Tennyson, of Macaulay, of promising novelists. At 85, after resigning the Premiership, he went home and amused himself by translating the love odes of Horace. As a corrective to such erotic study, he beguiled other hours of octogenarian leisure by publishing a Psalter with concordance, and editing an edition of Butler's Analogy and sermons. At 86 he found it difficult to repress enthusiasm which prompted him to lead a crusade against Turkey in relief of the unfortunate Armenians.

That Gladstone should have been, that he still should be, misunderstood may be accepted as matter of course. Someone sneered of him, as had been sneered of another, "He is a good man in the worst sense of the word." The critic who applied the epigram to Gladstone was a simpleton. Gladstone's goodness was of singularly convincing sort. As a boy he moved in an evangelical circle, and in his schoolboy days there dropped from his pen sentences conceived in the spirit of the blameless prig. A few years later he dealt with the Church in a tone which led Lord Houghton to exclaim: "That young man will ruin his political career if he persists in writing trash like this." Yet later he opened the Bible and accepted the suggestion of the first verse on which his eye fell as an inspiration. Till the end he talked of divine aid specially vouchsafed him when he had a long speech to make to a hostile House, and that in a fashion reminiscent of the Frenchman who resumed his seat after an oratorical effort exclaiming: "Not unto me, O Lord, but unto Thee, be the glory of all this eloquence." Now, if there was a politician in England to whom all that sort of thing was distasteful, one to whom it would have been wholly intolerable in any but the most transparently honest colleague, that politician was John Morley, agnostic and biographer of Diderot, Rousseau, Voltaire, and the rest. Yet, after close association with Gladstone, Morley had no manner of doubt that his leader was Christian as it is given to few men to be.

Those who read any considerable proportion of the two thousand pages in which Morley has interred his hero will reach the same conclusion. A Prime Minister who, toiling as Gladstone did, could find time to go to the bedsides of dying "nobodies," that he might talk and pray with them; who did the thing without the sounding of trumpets, was indeed exceptional. A family man who gave away a tenth of his income as a minimum, whose charities totted up to more than a hundred thousand pounds, and who sold his town house because he could not afford to maintain it, is of a type hardly more familiar. In this cynical world it is not very difficult for a man to be so unselfish, so honest, so scrupulous, that he excites suspicion. That fate befell Gladstone. Take one example: his resignation of office when the Maynooth grant was under consideration. He had been strongly opposed to the grant. He had expressed his opinion in such fashion that his constituents would naturally expect him to vote against it. He felt that the conditions on which his judgment had been based had changed, and was actually prepared to vote for the grant. But he would not remain in office whilst doing so, because he would lay himself open to a suspicion of acting on interested grounds. He resigned. Men of the world called the course he took "quixotic." Perhaps it was.

Now right through his political life Gladstone was changing his mind. He won his spurs in the Oxford Union and his seat in the Commons by denouncing reform. He gave Britain something very like manhood suffrage. He made his first mark as a writer in defence of the State Church; he disestablished the Church in Ireland. You can lengthen the list at your pleasure. And he explained his changes of front with a prolixity which many of his opponents found more intolerable than the original offence. For example, he published an article defending himself from the reproaches of those who declared him a traitor to the Church. There is page after page of more or less telling recapitulation of past utterances, page after page of subtle reasoning, but to what end? Nothing convinces the red-hot partisan, and as to the man in the street a few short, sharp sentences of unmistakable Anglo-Saxon carry far more weight with him than do the balanced paragraphs of the essay. If they did not, he would not be the man in the street.

But to the student the apologia is valuable. In it Gladstone points out that he and his contemporaries lived in a transition period, and that, as a consequence, not only he but all the most famous of them changed, as their predecessors in the eighteenth century did not. To understand Gladstone it is necessary to bestow a little attention on his century. Any ingenious member of a debating society could maintain the thesis that the political condition of the British people changed more between 1809 and 1898 than it did between the death of Queen Elizabeth and the accession of Queen Victoria. Up to 1800 a great democracy of the modern type was impossible. Quite apart from such questions as whether the people wanted a democracy, or whether the form of government is good or bad per se, is the vital fact that it simply could not have existed. The only democracy possible earlier was one more or less resembling that of the Greek city state. Till steam and electricity created it, there was not the fine nervous system essential to the rule of a vast area by a public opinion informed by the daily press and expressed at the ballot box. When a crisis arose in London it was often enough a thing of the past before the people of Edinburgh or Dublin had a passably full and correct account of it. Now, if a great speech is delivered or if a telling blow is struck in one of the three cities overnight, it is discussed by the inhabitants of all three on equal terms as they eat their breakfast or ride into business.

Gladstone was born in the England which was just beginning to develop this fine nervous system. When he was at Eton the great mass of his countrymen were absolutely uneducated from the school standpoint, and were almost untaught either by travel or the press. Long before he died the mental condition of the people had been transformed, and the mode of government had to be transformed as a consequence. Only a man with a marvellous power of realising and of adapting himself to new conditions could have long remained the most influential citizen in a nation changing so fast and so profoundly. And here we stumble on another secret of Gladstone's power. In the early part of his public career he moved slowly and reluctantly. It cost him much to break the ties made for him by family, by University, by Church, and by early political association. He tells us that the struggle was one of the affections. The brain prompted one line of action, the heart another. The transition period which resulted was long, because the man was strong both intellectually and emotionally. Without the passion born of his strong feelings he would never have fired the imagination and swayed the policy of the British people as he did.

Of all that Gladstone did it is impossible to write. He passed great measures of reform, he did much to promote religious equality, he revolutionised the Irish land laws, his ministry nationalised education, he gave a new tone to national finance. It is open to anyone to say that much of his policy was wrong. We are told that democracy is on its trial, that Parliamentary institutions are failing; with all that we have no present concern. The things which are memorable about the man, the things which should inspire us, are his enthusiasm for what he deemed the right, his energy, his courage. He worked as ever in the great Taskmaster's eye, and will, as Lord Salisbury said of him whilst his body lay in state, "be long remembered, not so much for the causes in which he was engaged or the political projects which he favoured, but as a great example, to which history hardly affords a parallel, of a great Christian man."

MUSIC IN LONDON.

STARS AND SYMPHONIES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The inaugural symphony concert of the London Symphony Orchestra may be held to signal the winter musical season as fairly afoot. This, however, is only because the London Symphony Orchestra is the greatest of our musical organisations, and not because there is either beginning or end of London's music, for there is not. As a matter of fact the 60 promenade concerts of the Queen's Hall Orchestra ran continuously through August and September and part of October; the symphony concerts and the Sunday concerts of the same orchestra have already been some time in progress, and will continue until within a very few weeks of the opening of next year's series of promenades. But the four months of fortnightly concerts by the London Symphony Orchestra, under Richter, Nikisch, and Safonoff, are in various ways the most important of the year, for when all is said and done the London Symphony is one of the few great orchestras of the world, and the men who conduct it at these concerts are pre-eminently famous. Last week's premiere revealed the band at its customary concert strength of 100 performers, and at its customary concert level of brilliancy. Richter conducted, the symphony was Beethoven's Eighth, and the programme included otherwise Strauss's "Also Sprach Zarathustra" and Liszt's pianoforte Concerto. The number last named will have special interest for that section of Sydney music-lovers who were fortunate enough to hear Miss Katherine Goodson during her recent sojourn with you, for it was she who was the soloist. Her brilliant and impressive performance held a great audience enthralled, and at the end she not only had an ovation but deserved it. Miss Goodson, by the way, followed up this success later in the week, when she gave her first recital in London since her return from abroad. Herein much beautifully poetic playing revealed once more that in spite of the disadvantage of possession of an English name, your recent visitor is quite one of the most distinguished of pianists.

Even in London it does not often happen, as it has happened this year, that within a space of three weeks we have been bidden to recitals by Ysaye, Kreisler, Busoni, Pachmann, Rosenthal, Bauer, and Mark Hambourg. Godowsky, Sauer, and Kubelik were here earlier; and, in addition to Paderewski, we shall have Elman; while at their next concert appears with the Queen's Hall Orchestra Jacques Thibaut, whose name may not have travelled so far afield as have the names of these others, but who is, nevertheless, a violinist of such distinguished art as to be entitled to rank with the greatest of them. And what is one to say of the performances of all these gifted men? This, in any case, and foremost: Listening to them and to the other great artists who so constantly come and go here, one soon learns to give up the vain effort after comparison. It is a tribute to their gifts that one ceases to perturb oneself with thought as to which is the greatest of them. For my own part, and having heard them all repeatedly, I cannot say with any honesty that I believe either this or that to be "the" greatest. Comparisons of performers, indeed, are almost as futile as comparisons of composers, and we know well enough that your Wagner could no more have stirred the soul-depths with an Eroica Symphony than your Beethoven could have dreamed the ecstatic dream of the second act of "Tristan." No, comparison is swallowed up in enjoyment. For myself, then, I do not think of Harold Bauer as the greatest of pianists, but I am certain, when I listen to Bauer play the Schumann Concerto, that for exquisite beauty of utterance there is nothing finer to be heard in the pianoforte world to-day. Then, Pachmann plays a Chopin recital, and, if you can forget his appalling mannerisms, you sit spellbound in a mist of fairy music. The rippling delicacy of the Chopin filagree, the velvety caressings of significant phrases, the gossamer-lightness of touch, the astonishing command of nuance, so that tones are shaded through infinitesimal degrees until they are but the fine-spun threads of tones—these things are wonderful. Chopin himself could not have dreamed over his music more beautifully than that.

But next day, Rosenthal gives a recital, and Rosenthal has not played many minutes before you are quite willing to concede all his admirers claim for him. If there is a king of executants, this must be he, this man whose fingers compass incredibly, and with giant strength, who pounces upon the keyboard with a hawk-like fury of attack, and a more than hawkish swiftness and sureness, who grasps at handfuls of notes with a certain easy ferocity that is almost diabolical in its assurance, even when he is engaged in strokes of lightning dexterity. Yes, this must be the king of executants—only, when you leave a Rosenthal recital, you carry with you little but the memory of astounding pianistic feats. So, also, do you from a Busoni recital, but from that you take something else beside. Busoni, too, is a Titanic player. With a combination of strength and stroke, and a wonderful use of the pedals, Busoni delivers "big" passages with an effect of sonorous grandeur that may fairly be taken to represent a pianoforte's extreme capacity of tone. He achieves, too, the most beautiful effects of colour. But Busoni is not so poetic as he is intellectual. He plays big, thought-filled music, for the most part, and he plays it subjectively. Its content means much to him, and he makes it mean much to his audience. It is lofty, serious, even severe pianoforte playing, this of Busoni; but you rarely leave a Busoni recital thinking more of Busoni than of the music he has played. He is thus a very great artist. Mark Hambourg differs again. He is still the player you know well. He is still difficult of location. Part of his recital was beautiful art. Part of it was merely colossal force. He was, as ever, often carried away by the exuberance of his own virtuosity, and perhaps one's chief thought concerning the performance, after all, was that he was still erratic, and his technique had once more amazed one. Frankly, I could discover but little Busonian significance in the recital.

It is to be noted, with regret, in respect of one of the most exquisite pianists of to-day, that Pachmann's grotesque antics at the keyboard are becoming worse and worse. Many people, indeed, now go to see Pachmann as well as to hear him. At the first of his two recent recitals he carried on a vigorous conversation, to the accompaniment of much facial contortion, all the afternoon. At one stage, too, on being recalled with enthusiasm, and just as we had settled down to enjoy the extra, he played but a few bars of it, threw up his hands suddenly, exclaimed, in the words of Elijah, "It is enough," and left the platform.

We have had, also, the two violinists generally regarded as the greatest of their day and generation—though here, again, the danger involved in comparisons will pursue us next week, when, having heard Ysaye and Kreisler, we shall also hear Thibaut and Elman. Ysaye and Kreisler, however, are of the elect undoubtedly. The former not only dominates his audience by his personality; he also ensures its homage by a combination of wonderful gifts. His great technique one thinks of least. One is subdued rather by his magnificent tone and the variety of his emotional suggestiveness. He played the Brahms Concerto with the Queen's Hall Orchestra the other day, and a nobler exposition of the violin may not be hoped for. Kreisler has delved much, as he often does, among old and far-off if not exactly unhappy things, and, as usual, he has played them with a virility and a masterfulness that has lifted them into distinction. Kreisler is at once the most direct and the most finished of players. His style is above all else masculine, and yet, when occasion arises, he can so sparkle in polished daintiness of manner as to triumph by charm alone—a great artist indeed. Eddy Brown, a young American violinist, quite a boy, has achieved considerable success in London in recent weeks. He is immature necessarily, but his command of the instrument is great, and he has the gift of temperament.

A new and curious form of music now with us, however, thoroughly deserves record. The Coliseum Theatre, which is a variety palace, where afternoon and evening performances are given every day, is crowded just now by a class of folk who do not ordinarily support it. They go to hear the Imperial Russian Orchestra. It is said by a manager's manifesto to be appearing by special permission of the Czar. I do not know. I do know, however, that the Imperial Russian Orchestra's music is the most delightfully dainty thing imaginable. The band consists of 24 players. Their instruments are chiefly balalaikas. A balalaika very nearly succeeds in being a guitar; but, having been cut off square at its extremity, just fails. Its strings are plucked in the same way, however. The balalaikas in this orchestra range from small instruments up to those of the size of 'cellos. There are also some zithers. Well, this combination of balalaikas and zithers plays an extensive repertoire of music, and plays it beautifully. The men are artists. Their precision of attack, their nuances, their finesse generally, are perfect. The quaint instruments produce tonal effects as quaint, but mostly it is a murmurous, ethereal, far-off strain. The Russian music especially—dances, folk songs, etc—is beautifully done. As I write I have still with me the melancholy lilt of a certain "Boatmen's Song on the Volga," in the dreamy rise and fall of which and its tender cadences I could almost see, as I heard them play it exquisitely a night or two ago, the rolling river at sunset, and the home-going, weary men, and the lazy barges floating down on the tide. We are all very glad to have heard the Imperial Russian Orchestra and their balalaikas.

UNION OF THE CHURCHES.

THE RECORD FOR 1909.

(BY REV. J. E. CARRUTHERS.)

When the movement for the union of the churches was definitely started in Sydney about seven years ago, there were widely different anticipations as to the period within which seven years ago, there were widely different anticipations as to the period within which concrete results might be looked for. A calm, long-headed, and steadily-faithful friend of the movement neither desired haste nor dared venture on prophecy. "There will be many ebbs and flows," he said, "before the tide sets definitely in for union." His words are being fulfilled; and to all appearance there is less life in the movement to-day—less desire for union generally—than there was five years ago. But if it be true that every great work is the result of vast preparatory processes, there is no occasion for serious discouragement in this circumstance. If the tide is temporarily out now it may set shorewards again before long, and a single case of successful reunion in any country where the movement is in progress will give a decided impetus to it all over the world.

The aim of this article—the third of a series published on the Christmas Day of 1907 and of successive years since then—is to keep the general reader posted up in the progress of the movement. So little has been heard of it during the year that many people have come to regard it as defunct. But it is far from being that. Some progress has been made, if it be only in clearing the ground and making the position more definite. At any rate, it is now recognised that a union embracing all shades of thought and all differences of ecclesiastical order is out of the question at present. If the reunion of Christendom is to be eventually attained it must be by processes that shall primarily secure the gradual assimilation of denominations that have much of doctrine and polity in common, leaving the larger union to be evolved when the smaller ones have been successfully accomplished. Hence the proposal for the union of the Anglican Church with the Presbyterian and other negotiating churches may be regarded as dropped. The Anglican Church stands for episcopacy as an integral and essential feature in union—not merely as a prudential and desirable form of church government, but absolutely as of Divine appointment, and therefore necessary to the validity of ministerial orders and the efficiency of the sacraments. This position was made clear by the Lambeth Conference of 1908. The Australian portion of the Anglican Church is bound by this decision; and although both here and in England there are influential divines who do not concur in the teaching, and who personally would have no difficulty in joining with their non-episcopal brethren, the position of the Church as such on the matter is definite and unyielding. This circumstance cancels any further attempts at union in that direction, at any rate, for the present.

With regard to the negotiations between the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational churches in Australia, some progress has been made during the year. As it was from the Presbyterian Church the invitation emanated for conference on the question, in the first instance, that Church has all along held the key of the position. Realising its responsibility in that connection, it has been most anxious to keep the negotiations going. The zeal of the original promoters of the movement has remained unabated, and other able counsellors have joined them at the committee table from time to time, impressed with a sense of the desirability and practicability of the matter they have taken in hand. As the movement is Australian in its range, the reports of progress are required to be first made to the supreme courts within the Commonwealth of the respective churches; and the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at its recent session in Melbourne is of importance as marking the stage upon which the movement has now entered. In regard to the negotiations previously carried on separately with the Anglican Church, the General Assembly declared that "no return can be taken until the General Synod has met and its decision laid before the Assembly, and then only in concert with the other negotiating 'churches.'" The latter clause makes it explicit that for the future there can only be one set of negotiations, with all the parties to the proposed amalgamation joining in the same. The committee on union also reported to the Assembly that the negotiations with the Methodist and Congregational Churches had been continued during the year, and that a good deal of useful work had been done in the elaboration of a scheme of policy. It should in this connection be mentioned that a basis of doctrine had been previously prepared and is ready for submission to the Church courts when the scheme of polity is completed. There was a general understanding between the Sydney and Melbourne section of the committee that New South Wales should separately attend to such matters as admission to the ministry, and the constitution and functions of the proposed Church courts, and that Victoria should consider the calling of ministers and the tenure of the pastorate. Both sections have been diligently at work on these matters, and are still engaged in considering and revising each other's work. It will be some time before this difficult but necessary task is completed.

A copy of the proposed scheme of church polity, so far as it has been agreed upon by the committee, lies before me. It is needless to say that in trying to solve the practical difficulties as between the systems at present in vogue in the several churches, the committee has encountered a task requiring no little patience as well as much ecclesiastical skill. Presbyterianism, Methodism, and Congregationalism all stand for something distinctive in regard to the powers and functions of Church courts, and the relative rights and powers of congregations, and the supreme governing body. Congregationalism holds to the independency of the individual church; Methodism could never be administered without the supremacy of the Conference. Presbyterianism to some extent stands midway between. It gives its "charges" the absolute right of call; but it reserves to the Presbytery the ratification or otherwise of the call when made. With most Congregational and Presbyterian churches, the "charge" or "fellowship" is a unit, consisting of one congregation. In Methodism the "circuit" system provides for the grouping of several churches under one superintendency, with a staff of several ministers, and a quarterly meeting governing the affairs of all the churches within the "circuit" area. It has been no easy matter to reconcile those varying systems, and to evolve a method which shall secure some measure of autonomy to the individual congregation consistent with the governing authority of the "parish council," and the "general assembly." The tenure of the pastorate and the method of settlement have also given occasion for many an interesting debate, and not a few ingenious suggestions. Presbyterianism and Congregationalism stand for permanency of pastorate, tempered by changes brought about by the operation of local causes or personal preferences. Methodism has the principle of itinerancy written in her trust deeds, and carries it out by the method of year-to-year appointments, made at the annual conference. The principle of itinerancy has been generally favoured in the committee; but how to apply it so as to reduce it to a minimum, and to leave a loophole for evading it in special cases, has not been readily discovered. However, the "polity" scheme is making progress, and in due time it will be presented to the churches concerned for their consideration. If nothing very definite or demonstrative has yet been accomplished, foundation work is being done. The ecclesiastical statesmen may yet arise who shall put all these proposals and suggestions into a shape that will command general approval as being the best of all possible solutions of an admittedly difficult situation.

It remains only to be said that the year has not brought much practical reward to the "gentlemen sitting around the table" in South Africa and Canada. In the former country the movement for organic union has received a check by a declaration to the contrary on the part of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, one of the high-contracting parties. The conference of that church has said that it believes a better way to approach the question would be for some years to come to cultivate the spirit of brotherly love, to abstain from unnecessary overlapping, and by fuller intercourse between the members and adherents of the various churches to endeavour to bring about a better understanding of their respective positions, both as to doctrine and polity. But the conference also expressed its willingness to continue to confer with other churches with a view to closer association. In Canada the report both as to doctrine and polity is complete, so far as the joint committee's work is concerned. The Presbyterian General Assembly has declared in favour of its adoption; but it is held over for submission to the people until after the Methodist General Conference of 1910. The popular decision will be awaited with eager and widespread interest. In Scotland the general assemblies of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church have unanimously decided to enter into an unrestricted conference on union. The "British Weekly" speaks of this as a remarkable testimony to the new spirit that modern Christianity has called into being. Methodism in Great Britain is also moving on the lines of closer co-operation on the part of all its sections, and the consummation of organic union among them is regarded as being one of the probabilities of the near future. On the whole, then, the outlook is far from discouraging; and the workers in the cause of Christian reunion may take heart of grace, as they patiently and prayerfully apply themselves to the task of seeking the fulfilment of the Divine Master's prayer—"That they all may be one. . . . that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

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SCIENCE NOTES.

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A CHEMICAL CENTENARY.

One of the fundamental laws of modern chemistry is that of Gay-Lussac regarding the composition of gases by volume. In brief, when elemental gases combine they always do so in simple volumetric ratios. One volume of hydrogen and one volume of chlorine yield two volume of hydrochloric acid gas. One volume of oxygen and two volumes of hydrogen combine to form two volumes of steam, and so on. The centenary of this discovery has just been passed. When we combine it with Avogadro's law that equal volumes of gases at the same temperature contain equal numbers of molecules, it is seen that the law is a main experimental basis for the atomic theory. Gay-Lussac himself, however, did not go beyond the assertion of the observed fact, and, curiously enough, Dalton, the founder of the atomic theory, rejected Gay-Lussac's result, not seeing its bearing on his own doctrine. Berzelius, one of the great chemists of the time, wrote to Dalton explaining how the new law was a necessary corollary to the atomic theory; but Dalton was a man of very narrow views, and he could not be brought to change his opinion. On his side, Gay-Lussac as late as 1814 ignored the atomic theory. It was, indeed, a long time before the simple solution of the relationship of the two generalisations was reached. Prout, Berzelius, Gwelin, and others all stumbled hopelessly about for a quarter of a century. Their trouble lay in the fact that they had as yet no distinction between "atom" and "molecule." It was a consequence of Avogadro's law that molecules must be groups of atoms, but the orthodox chemists of the time scouted such an obvious suggestion, and the conversion of the chemical world was hardly complete so late as 1860.

PARASITES OF WHITE CORPUSCLES.

The white corpuscles of the blood are directly or indirectly the chief enemies of invading microbes and parasites, and it is, therefore, one of nature's little ironies that a whole class of parasites, the Leucocytosoa, have learned to dwell in them. They save others, themselves they cannot save. The Leucocytosoa, so called because they live in the white corpuscles or leucocytes, are microscopic unicellular animals akin to the malaria parasites, and form a special section of the sporosoa. They are found in mammals, birds, and amphibia, especially in the tropics. The earliest known form was recorded in 1890 from the blood of an owl, though at that time its true nature was not understood. They have since been found in various birds and frogs. Among mammals, the pariah dogs of India, the bazaar cat of Madras, the Indian palm squirrel, the Indian hare, the Malay dog, the rats of the Punjab and of Khartoum, have been shown to harbour these parasites. Their habitat marks them off sufficiently sharply from the parasites of the red corpuscles, with which they are more or less related. Sometimes they leave the white corpuscles and come out into the blood plasma. When a young parasite succeeds in entering a cell it spreads its worm-like form so as to partly surround the nucleus. The cell tries to kill it by surrounding it with a capsule, but usually the parasite has the better of the conflict. The parasite reproduces by the division of its nucleus into a number of fragments, around each of which protoplasm collects, forming a daughter cell. In the case of mammals this multiplication takes place in the liver, bone-marrow, or lung.

SUBTERRANEAN FAUNA.

Life beneath the earth's surface is not so scanty as might be supposed. Caves and subterranean streams have a more or less abundant fauna of their own. Usually this is related to the local above surface forms, and is to be accounted for by individuals or eggs being washed down through earth crevices. Once in the cave or river the animals learn to breed there, and to adapt themselves to their new environment. Colour disappears. Eyes may become highly developed to take advantage of the faint light that may penetrate, or more commonly they entirely disappear. Thus we have a cave fauna strangely modified yet closely related to the surface forms of the same geographical region. But in some cases no such relation exists. M. Armand Vire has lately shown that a certain number of cave-dwelling species have no analogies to what is found in the river above, though they have some affinity with marine forms. We may reasonably suppose that such species represent an earth fauna of much earlier geological time. If eyes are lost, the other senses become comparatively highly developed. The antennae elongate and often sensitive hairs appear all over the body. Some experiments that have been made during the past 13 years in a special laboratory in the Catacombs of Paris, are said to show similar changes taking place; but arrest of growth is the commonest result, fish taken down and bred in the dark only reaching a third of their normal weight.

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY.

Joseph Priestley, one of the most remarkable men of science of the eighteenth century, was born near Leeds in 1733. He belonged to a family of dressers of woollen cloth. After the death of his mother in 1739, however, he was adopted by a comparatively well-to-do uncle, and was thus afforded an excellent education as a preparation for the calling of a Unitarian minister. Unfortunately for himself, his orthodoxy became doubtful the moment he began to preach, and his salary quickly fell to less than £30 a year. In order to make ends meet, he began to give lessons in natural science, and later established a boys' school. He became acquainted with Franklin, and was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Society. About this time it was proposed he should accompany Cook on his second voyage as naturalist, but the Board of Longitude objected to his lack of orthodoxy. Finally, he left the ministry, and found a quiet corner as librarian to the Marquis of Lansdowne. Lansdowne was at first very sympathetic, and provided funds for experimental work. It was at this time that Priestley discovered oxygen. He also discovered the nitrous oxide gas, now used as an anesthetic, and invented a plan for making aerated waters. We owe to him many of the experimental methods in the general study of gases, and amongst many other achievements he showed that plants absorb carbon dioxide, and set free oxygen. After a time, he left Lansdowne, and settled at Birmingham, where he met Erasmus Darwin and James Watt. It was here that the famous "Lunar Society" held its gatherings. It was here, too, that some ardent though illogical objectors to the French Revolution burnt his house and library. To the lasting disgrace of England, Priestley was obliged to take refuge in America, where he spent the last seven or eight years of his life.

THE INFANT ROYAL SOCIETY.

Under the title "The Virtuosi," Norman Pearson contributes to the "Nineteenth Century" an interesting narrative of the early years of the Royal Society. Science was only just emerging from chaos, and strange beliefs lingered even among the elect. Bacon never shook off the belief in witchcraft, and Sir Isaac Newton had many joints in his armour. The early transactions of the society tell, for instance, of marvellous cures by the application of a dead man's hand, and "May dew" was supposed to have extraordinary therapeutic properties. Hooker invented thirty methods of flying—in theory. Transfusion of blood for the cure of disease came into great vogue as a result of Wren's experiments. A quaint paper is Goddard's "Discourse Upon Eggs," containing 10 signs to distinguish new eggs from those which are stale. The virtues of unicorns' horns were still largely believed in, and more than one experiment was made to decide whether snakes could cross a circle of Irish earth. The story of geese born from barnacles was as yet by no means exploded. Fortunately, side by side with the virtuosi were men who had the true scientific spirit, and in their hands the society was not long in shaking itself free from its inheritance of superstition.

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THE LAND OF THE INCAS.

VANISHED CIVILISATIONS.

THE POLYNESIAN MIGRATION.

(BY PROFESSOR MACMILLAN BROWN.)

IV.

Thanks to Garcilasso de la Vega, the grandson of an Inca, the title of this article focusses the romance of South America for the average reader. He had the writing of the history of his forefathers to do, and he did it in the style of the heroic medieval romancers at whom Cervantes made all Europe laugh in Don Quixote. The Incas are for all time the gods and the chivalric heroes of America. The stories that the Inca's daughter poured into the ear of her boy, the son of the conquering race, lost nothing from the melancholy that aureoled the defeated and dying dynasty; nor did his imagination fail to catch the romantic glow from the stories of chivalry that still fascinated the Spanish mind, undimmed by the pathetic raillery of Cervantes. Manco Capac the founder of the empire, becomes a god, the child of the Sun, Vivacocha, "of the golden locks," links up the dynasty with the oceanic line of gods, the Emperor of Chili is a second Alexander the Great, and Huayna Capac, the last before the Spanish Conquest, is Caesar and Charlemagne combined. All the shadows of their rule vanish; the subjects are happy and contented, no poverty, no crime, no disease; there is not even the jealousy, and heartburning that amorous rivalries breed; for woolngs are eliminated and all the weddings are irrevocably fixed up by the Incas and their officials; there is no need on the part of the people to think of the morrow; the Inca does all the thinking. In short, Garcilasso utopianises the Government of his ancestors and makes Peru under them the antechamber to heaven, if not heaven itself. And, in order to give them a free hand, he obliterates all previous history, and makes them step straight out of heaven into Cuzco.

OLD CIVILISATIONS IN GRAVES.

This is a heavy burden for Peru to bear. And you have got to come to Peru to see how factitious it is, and how full of everything but truth is the history presented to us by Garcilasso. The whole coast bears upon it the impress of human agony and struggle through tens of thousands of years, with a slow upward tendency in its culture that approaches some thousands of years ago to civilisation. This long stretch of coastal Sahara, striped with occasional green valleys that the trickles from the western Cordillera paint, has its story plainly written upon it. Here began human civilisation millenniums before the sierra saw any sign of it. There are, of course, shell-mounds, or kitchen-middens, all along the coast, the debris of human generations of small culture from the earliest to the latest ages. But there are also innumerable cone-shaped or pyramidal hills that rise sheer from the desert. Some of the latest of these still show the lines between the immense adobe blocks that went to form them, and these have been cut into, and have revealed graves containing the relics of ages past. Out of them have come the mummies and the textiles and the pottery that fill the Peruvian courts of our museums, and tell us of an advanced and advancing civilisation in this long-isolated corner of the world. These old peoples thought that their dead were going a long journey, and furnished them with all that was necessary for it. The bulk of the graves that are manifestly graves have long ago been rifled of their gold and silver, and now the search is for pottery and bronze and copper implements.

OLDER CIVILISATIONS YET TO BE DISCOVERED.

There are, however, countless low conical hills all along the desert coast that show no signs of adobe junctions, and yet are too rounded and solitary to be other than artificial. One or two of these, as for example at Ancon, North of Lima, have yielded their secrets to the pick of the navvy. As railway construction proceeds in Peru, more and more graveyards of old civilisations will have their long-closed book opened by the same rude implement of discovery. These unlined volcanic-looking cones doubtless belong to the very earliest coastal civilisations, before humidity ceased to take the form of rain. Adobes that must be thousands of years old, as at Pachacamac, away to the south of Lima, still show the lines in which they were laid, especially where sheltered by their own debris or the sand blown from the desert. There is no rain or heavy wind to weather them. The pyramids, then, that have melted into cones of mud and sand must have belonged to an age when the rains still fell and the winds had still erosive power. In other words the long series of mountainous islands that once stretched from the north-east coast of Asia across the equator to the north coast of Chili, and deflected the north-east trade winds with their moisture on to the Pacific shore of South America had not yet sunk far enough with the bottom of the ocean to cease wholly its beneficent agency.

COASTAL CIVILISATIONS SEVEN TO TEN THOUSAND YEARS OLD.

The history of this coast is one of progressive desiccation, aided, as usual by the reckless hand of man. He did not know the use of coal, of which there are various deposits in Peru, or of the petroleum of Piura, in the north; he had to use the trees and bushes that must have at one time dotted the coast, for the purposes of cooking and lighting, and still more for that of firing his pottery. At first, and as long as the rain came, the forest would renew itself. But as the climate grew drier the seeds would not spring into bush and tree. At last every stick would be used up as fuel, and the grasses and the manure of animals would have to be put in the pottery ovens. The grass and weeds that bind the humus would die under the sun of summer and would fail to renew themselves. Irrigation would be resorted to in order to undo the evil that man's own hand had wrought. The rivers were tapped at all heights, and great reservoirs and aqueducts were built. At Grand Chimu, a city whose ruins stretch 12 miles by six, to the north of Truxillo, there is a reservoir capable of containing close on two thousand million gallons. It is this irrigating habit that civilised man and made him progress on the coast millenniums before the Inca tribe was ever heard of on the Sierras. This obscure section of the Sierra Indians, first gives evidence of its presence on the islands of Lake Titicaca, the lowly admirers and imitators of the wealthy and ancient Venice of that lake, Tiahuanaco, the great stone city that now stands fifteen miles south of this inland sea, and a hundred and twenty feet above it. Titicaca has fallen by increasing desiccation of its region at the rate of one foot in sixty to a hundred years; and in the earlier ages, when desiccation was less, the rate must have been still less. We may take it for granted then that Tiahuanaco was in its glory from six to seven thousand years ago. And all the later civilisations of the coast, as well as of the Sierra, have its influence plainly marked upon their arts. But two or three have been uncovered by Dr. Max Uhle, the director of the Lima Historical Museum, that show no trace of the art or symbols of the great megalithic city of the Sierras. These must be from seven to ten thousand years old. It is possible that older culture strata may be found in those cones of mud that rise so sheer from the desert. For the excavation of Peruvian antiquities is still in its most elementary stage.

DETERIORATION.

But as far as excavation has gone there is a great gap between the shell-mounds and the first cultures; in the latter pottery and textiles are already varied in their designs and fine in their art, whilst the former reveal but the arts of the savage. One of the pre-Tiahuanaco civilisation has yielded a series of vases to the Lima Museum that reveals not only striking realism in reproducing animals, but highly-developed humour and poetical imagination; to take two instances, it shows in a dance of death that decorates one vase a sepulchral fancy not unworthy of Holbein; a clothed figure with a death's head for face, seated on the lid, plays the music on a tambourine, whilst skeletons of various types dance with bony hand in hand and winged demons flutter about; on the lid of another vase a figure, limp and evidently overcome with chicha, is being helped along by two who are as evidently sober. Another pre-Tiahuanaco civilisation, from the south of Peru, reveals a vein of mystical symbolism on its pottery, figures of strange sea-monsters and winged monsters with countless snaky limbs, like some of the Hindoo gods, taking the octopus as a model. Dr. Uhle considers that the oldest textiles, and pottery show the finest art. This, of course, has to be modified by the statement that in the later new arts appear, the megalithic art, the art of sculpture, and the art of making vessels and implements and weapons of metal—of copper, of bronze, of silver, and of gold. It is the textiles and the pottery that over a long period reveal traces of deterioration.

SUDDEN CIVILISATIONS, OCEANIC.

Perhaps the more accurate form of the statement would be that ancient Peruvian civilisations show a tendency to advance by leaps. There seem to have been all along the coast, in various periods, dozens of small imperial centres, like Tumbes, Chimu, Moche, Pachacamac, Nasca, that rose and fell with singular suddenness, most of them leaving traces only in the huacas or pyramidal graveyards. At a later time the same phenomenon repeated itself on the Sierras, culminating just before the advent of the Spaniards in a general unification by the Incas. The only thing that can explain this sudden sporadic rise of imperial civilisations is crossbreeding. The introduction of a new race with new culture and new ideas can alone explain the sudden character of this phenomenon. The crossing of two races fairly near each other in stage of culture can alone explain the subsequent progress. It is only such crossing that could supply a sufficient arena of variants for the law of the survival of the fittest to work upon. The lofty Cordilleras and the extremely low type of culture that has always prevailed in the interior make the East as the source of this new element improbable, if not impossible. The failure of the Central American civilisations to develop the art of navigation and an ocean-going craft makes the north as its source equally improbable. Most of these small imperial civilisations on the coast of Peru bear oceanic impress, as for example in their worship of a god of the ocean, and in the oceanic figures, fish, demons, nymphs, deities, and composite sea monsters, that they represent on their pottery and their textiles. Nay, this is almost as plain in the cultures of the Sierra; they worship Viracocha, the foam of the ocean, and they are as fond of oceanic figures for decoration. The Incas themselves used to have brought from the coast every day by means of their swift chasquis, or series of messengers, sea fish for their daily table. And on one of the oldest buildings in Cuzco, the Colcompata, said to have been built by the founder of the empire, Manco Capac, there is rudely chipped out, evidently by stone chisels, on a square stone block, a figure the upper half woman, the lower fish, an exact reproduction of our idea of a mermaid.

POLYNESIAN IMMIGRATION.

The only direction from which these new elements could have come from time to time was over the ocean. The greatest navigators of history were the Polynesians; their oceanic arena made them that of necessity. And as their islands sank and decreased in area with the subsidence of the Pacific bottom, they could not help going off in search of new lands in the direction that they had followed when they came from Asia. They could go further south-east, and when they got outside of the tropics the westerlies would carry them straight to the north of Chili or south of Peru; and there the Humboldt current and the steady southerlies would carry them up to various points along the American coast. They had no pottery, or tendency to build in adobe; but these were indigenous to America, and all they had to do was to give a new impetus to those arts by their conquests; for they were probably the greatest warriors of the Pacific Ocean, and carried military engineering to its highest point before the nineteenth century. What they did bring with them were the art of stone architecture, and ultimately the megalithic art, and the art of sculpture, such as is seen in wood amongst the Maoris, and in stone in Easter Island and the Marquesas group. Carving in bone and greenstone, matwork, reedwork, ropework, and featherwork they would probably find already on the coast; but they would stimulate them by reinforcement. Their great art, however, was the art of warfare, and whatever tribe they joined, as aristocracy, they would make dominant in its locality. Nothing else can as easily explain the rise of the obscure Inca tribe on Lake Titicaca, and its spread by force of arms over the whole of the west coast of South America with its Que and Chua language and its arts. And one has only to go to Cuzco and look at the immense blocks of stone squared and set in place in their huge fortifications and palaces and temples to understand how much like slaves were the toiling millions that were under the lash and the strangling cord of the Incas. Their stomachs were probably filled and their backs clothed; but their skulls had to be empty of thought, initiative, or will. Their souls had to be, or appear to be, non-existent. The despotism was of the true Polynesian type, in appearance, communism, in reality, tyranny, based upon success in war. And it fell, as all despotisms, even the most patriarchal and seemingly communistic, always will, like a house of cards, the moment outside pressure was brought to bear.

MODERN REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT THE BEST.

The Spanish regime was by no means an improvement. It cared nothing for the life of the Indian, or his sustenance, or his wellbeing, provided it got for the Imperial treasury its 20 per cent. of gold and silver taken out of the mines. The mitad or compulsory six months' work in the mines, and the payment by truck reduced the Peruvians from eight million to as many hundred thousand. The Government was not only machine-like and pitiless like that of the Incas, but soulless. And the colonists themselves came to hate it; and when the great rising of the Indians, at the end of the eighteenth century, under Tupac Amaru, occurred, the most ominous feature was that the Spanish-Americans themselves encouraged it, and even joined in it. The result was that when Colombia, Argentine, and Chili revolted on the realisation of the weakness of the mother country, Peru rose, too, and in 1824 the republic was established. And incapable and revolutionary though the Government has so often been, it is even at its worst superior to anything that this country has known before; it has really thought of the liberty and true wellbeing of the people, and tried, often it is true in a foolish and cross way, to hedge them round. It has thought even of the wellbeing of the Indians, and tried to have them educated. Herein lies the true differentiation of the modern Government from all that preceded. It is eager to make all sections of the people take an intelligent interest in the making and the working of the administration. All before were practically despotisms that preferred to have the mass of the people mere ignorant tools. The Inca rule was that of a hereditary monarchy, aided by a warrior aristocracy. The Spanish rule was that of a bureaucracy appointed by a distant empire. The more ignorant and stupid the people were the easier was the task of ruling them. Education was to them a vice, as liberty was, too.

THE FUTURE AND THE PAST.

The misfortune of the modern government is that, though it encourages education in every way possible, the results are still small. It has made elementary education free, and practically compulsory; and yet the majority of the population can neither read nor write, partly because it is so scattered, and partly because the free and compulsory system is comparatively recent. Perhaps the chief reason is that the Church has greater influence in Peru than in any other South American republic; it is still the established Church, although other denominations are now tolerated and civil marriage is permitted to all who declare themselves as not of the Roman Catholic Church; and it is usually held that it is to the interests of that Church to keep its laity ignorant. There is a widespread impression that at the back of most of the revolutions there is a hidden ecclesiastical influence. But in books and speeches of men in authority, I find it generally acknowledged that the true cure is that which made the progress of the Inca and pre-Inca civilisations, crossing with another and more vigorous race, by preference a Teutonic race. They are all eager for immigration from beyond the ocean. What made the prehistoric empires so progressive will make these republics progressive, too. They have a fine climate, or, rather, fine series of climates, from the cool rainless coast up through altitudinal zones that correspond to the zones of latitude to the snows of the inner cordillera, and thence down through another series of zones of the Montana to the rich rubber-bearing forests of the great rivers. And there are all types of soil from desert to the 20 feet of rich humus on the eastern slopes. All who know the Montana speak in high terms of the unparalleled richness of the soil and the great variety of fine climate; stock in maize or other seeds without any preparation, and you will get three or four crops in the year. Coffee, cocoa, cotton, sugar, rubber can all be grown with equal success. The only difficulty is the transport, and that the various presidents and ministers resolve shall be made easy. Now, that the gold basis has been throughly established for the currency and the finances are greatly improving, it will be possible to do more every year for connecting the Montana with the Amazon, and with the coast. The proceeds of the tobacco tax, amounting to nearly a quarter of a million sterling, are to be devoted to railway extension, but something is also about to be done in the way of the ancient civilisations for the coast. Not merely are aqueducts and irrigating channels to be extended or re-formed, but the Minister of Agriculture told me in Lima that they have just discovered artesian water in the coastal belt; there are exactly the conditions that should admit of artesian wells—lofty mountains with a porous humus and rock or clay below, a broad belt of plain, and a dam in the sea. It is said that there is a submarine cordillera rising not very many miles from the shore. If the Peruvians are about to tap the great subterranean rivers that must flow underneath the desert, then it is only a question of time when it will again "blossom as the rose." There is little doubt, from the countless remains of old civilisations, that this coast was once rich with forest and herbage. The later irrigating civilisations collected and conserved the water, and even sank to the moist stratum, and then distributed it to the farms and villages. But they forgot one thing—that the best conservator and distributer of moisture is forest. This, it is to be hoped, the new Government will remember—forest on the coastal ranges, and the cordilleras might not change the climate much, but they would make a new thing of the conservation and distribution of whatever rains fall on the mountains. With these reforms made, it might be possible to attract European farming immigration when Canada and Argentine and Australia are full. But perhaps the opening of the Panama Canal may bring a flow of Teutonic immigration earlier.

POULTRY.

Questions relating to fancy or commercial poultry-keeping, disease, etc., should be addressed to "Ancona," "Herald" Office.

Wentworth.—The disease is one of the ovarium. It is really useless to attempt a cure. The fowl will be perfectly safe for cooking purposes.

W. T. Bediern.—The book is sent by the department to those engaged on the land, but is not free to the keeper of a few fowls. It can be had at the booksellers, and when an article has to be paid for it is usually better appreciated.

The secretary of the Parramatta Poultry Club notifies that the annual show of the society has been fixed for May 7 and 8.

Intending exhibitors at the Royal Easter Show, who have been anxiously awaiting the schedule of prizes, can now have it by calling on the secretary. Exhibitors at the past shows will have schedules duly forwarded by post. The programme for poultry is as attractive as usual.

From several sources there is authentic information that the forthcoming show season will witness a very high-class lot of youngsters. There are quite a number of black Orpingtons graduating for first prizes. Buffs will not be as numerous as formerly, but the quality will be good. White Orpingtons have been bred in great numbers, and the good ones are in several hands. Wyandottes do not appear to have as many patrons as in the past; still, a few silvers and whites expected to appear at the Royal are said to be for quality superior to any previously exhibited. Leghorns are always popular, and, as there is a Brown Leghorn Club established, the numbers of this variety should increase.

The very marked rise in egg values the present week prompted some of the cold storage patrons to release a quantity. These were placed on the market on Tuesday. A Chinese firm at the termination of the sale produced their purchasing, storing, and selling charges, which showed a clear profit of 9s per case.

Wednesday's "Herald" reports a meeting of the Cumberland Progress Association, when Mr. Pearce moved a motion of regret that the claims made to the Minister for Agriculture to assist in developing the agricultural, horticultural, dairying, and pig and poultry farming industries in county Cumberland received such little sympathy. Mr. Pearce surely cannot be a faithful student of "On the Land" and other sections of the "Herald," or he would see almost daily reports and references to the preachings and teachings, theoretical and practical, by the Minister's officers on the various subjects mentioned. The pig and poultry industries are usually associated, and, so far as the farmer is concerned, despite the fact that during the past year or two pork is almost double the price it was a decade ago, pig-breeding is on the decline. This not through lack of either inherent or acquired knowledge of breeders, but rather that it pays them better to breed or grow something else, and all departmental sympathy or instruction is of small consequence against this outstanding fact. Concerning poultry, if Mr. Pearce was interested in the industry only a decade ago and witnessed the quantities offered then and now and studied the comparison in prices in the following article he must be convinced that, from whatever cause, the poultry industry from every point of view has attained an unprecedented importance. In connection with Government encouragement to the industry, the big poultry farm at Hawkesbury College, with its duly-recorded experiments, is well known, while every facility is given to breeders to visit the place and witness the operations. In addition, the department regularly publishes bulletins on every branch of the subject, and distributes them free of charge, all of which are said to be duly appreciated. The poultry business in this State is a sound one, and for any Government to venture on a booming expedition would be rightly resented by those engaged in the industry.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS.

EGGS.

A few weeks ago a combination of several things resulted in a considerable reduction in the price of eggs, and much below normal December figures. The strike was responsible for reduced consumption. There were rumours of the cold stores closing, and a consequent swamping of the market with chilled eggs, and to make matters worse there was the scare about Government-graded Adelaides being put on the Sydney market at very low prices. Producers were told in this column that the collapse was only a temporary one, and already there is a return not only to normal figures, but exceeding that. The "Herald's" comparison of figures in Monday's issue for the present and two previous years quotes new-laids 1s 5d per dozen, as against 1s 3d in December of last year, and 1s 1d in 1907, and this despite the above detracting elements still obtaining, together with the fact that the auctioneers and Sussex-street salesmen all declare that the current supplies are considerably in excess of preceding years, and still inadequate to meet the demand, all of which points to the purchasing ability and general prosperity of the people.

In striking comparison to the 1s 5d or 1s 6d per dozen wholesale price in Sydney is that of interstate markets. The quotations in Melbourne on Monday last were 10d to 10½d, and occasionally 11d, or about 50 per cent. lower than here. Notwithstanding all we have heard and read about egg circles, improved methods of marketing, and Government supervision in Adelaide, the top price for best sorts in that city on Saturday last was 8d, or considerably less than half the price which our produce realised in Sydney on the same day. It is really difficult to conceive what the circumstances are which contribute to such low prices in Adelaide, and, certainly it is not the faulty quality, for Sandford and Co.'s report reads:—"Egg values have steadied through the eastern States, and the west operating here. A splendid catalogue of prime, guaranteed new-laid, were selling at 8d per dozen; ducks 8½d." With the above prices, in what is stated to be a steady market, and the approach of Christmas, the egg farmers in that State are to be commiserated with, while ours here are to be envied, eggs being the one product of the farm which realise in Sydney markets, nearly all the year round, from 50 to 100 per cent. more than in any other capital in the Commonwealth, Perth excepted.

POULTRY.

However favoured the poultry farmers are with the excellent all-the-year price for eggs, the other products—fowls, ducks, geese, and turkeys—from January to December, rarely experience a glutted market, and in striking comparison to a decade ago, when our surplus of these goods was such that a return of 3s 6d per couple from London, for choice Aylesbury ducks, was considered a profitable outlet; hens were then obtainable at 1s 9d per couple, geese at 4s a pair, while on Christmas Eve hen turkeys could have been had in Sussex-street for half a crown each, and often a lack of buyers at the price. The following is a "Herald's" report in 1901. Poultry—hens 2s 6d to 3s 9d per pair, choice roosters to 3s 6d pair, locally reared to 4s; English ducks 2s 6d to 3s, locally reared drakes to 6s; geese 5s, turkey gobblers 6s to 7s per pair, prime 9s to 10s." In striking contrast to the above is the present week's report. Young roosters to 6s 9d, choice 8s, extra 9s 3d; hens 3s 9d to 5s 6d; Muscovy ducks 4s 6d to 6s 9d, drakes to 9s, choice 10s 6d; turkey hens 9s to 11s, gobblers good to 18s, prime 25s, choice 33s; geese to 11s. Eggs, new laid to 1s 6d.

It must not be thought that the above enhanced prices are due to any restriction in supplies, for, turkeys excepted, all the other lines are yearly increasing, the higher prices being due, as with eggs, to increased consumption, through there being more people to eat them, and more money amongst the consumers, who for the good things of this life spend it with true Australian prodigality.

In connection with the extent of the poultry business, few, except those connected with it, have any idea of its importance and value. There are four auction salerooms, with ordinarily two sales a week each—Tuesday and Friday—the latter being of most importance. Although none of the salesmen care to divulge the actual weekly value of their sales, two of the firms on Saturday last volunteered that the preceding day's transactions totalled for poultry and eggs over £500 and £600 respectively, and both ventured that the day's sales in the four yards considerably exceeded £2000. In addition to this, there is the great Sussex-street trade, which embraces the northern rivers and South Coast trade; the hundreds of coops and cases seen daily along the street, which although in small individual lots, indicate an immense total. It may be remarked that through the extraordinary quantities offering some of the salerooms were unable to cope with the number, overflow sales being held the following day, while the present week—Monday excepted—full catalogues were offered each day till Friday. All told, the poultry and eggs which arrived in Sydney from all sources from Friday of last week are computed at between £20,000 and £25,000 value. In connection with the future, while the prices for both commodities usually ease after the holidays, there need be no fear of a slump, the 1910 poultry and egg markets being not only assured, but equal to any reasonable increase in production. Altogether the community is to be congratulated on its purchasing ability during the year now expiring, while the ordinary weekly cheques—and big ones of late—are sufficient testimony that the producers have had a prosperous old year.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT, 1907.

Form F.

NOTICE TO MAKE RETURNS.

INCOME TAX.

Notice is hereby given that every person liable under the abovementioned Act to make any Return of Income is hereby required to make and furnish to me, on or before TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1910, a Return in the Prescribed Form of the amount and particulars of his or her Income for the year ended the 31st December, 1909, together with all prescribed details relating thereto.

LAND TAX.

Notice is further hereby given that every person who was on the 31st December, 1909, the owner, within the meaning of the said Act, of land in Western Australia, and who is liable under the said Act to make a return of such land, is hereby required to make and furnish to me, on or before TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1910, a Return in the prescribed Form of the description, situation, and value of such land, together with all prescribed details relating thereto.

Penalty for not furnishing Return, £20.

Penalty for making false Return, £100 and treble tax.

Note.—Taxpayers are required to obtain the Return Forms for themselves, which they may do at the Taxation Department, Perth, at the principal Land Offices (except Perth), at the principal Treasury Offices (except Perth), and at Police Stations in the suburbs of Perth and other places throughout the State, as the case may be.

Forms will not be posted to taxpayers unless a stamped addressed envelope is forwarded to the Commissioner of Taxation, Perth.

All letters, packets, etc., must be addressed to "The Commissioner of Taxation, Perth," and must have full postage affixed. Short postage will be charged to taxpayers.

Dated at Perth this 14th day of December, 1909.

EDGAR T. OWEN,
Commissioner of Taxation.

ANNUAL RETURN OF STOCK, 1910.

PASTURES PROTECTION ACT.

The attention of every OWNER or OCCUPIER of LAND liable to be rated under the provisions of the Pastures Protection Act, and every Owner of any large STOCK or SHEEP within the Pastures Protection District of Sydney (irrespective of number) is required between the 1st and 10th day of January, 1910, to deliver personally, or send by registered letter to the Board for the above District, at the Office, 56 Bridge-street, Sydney, a return of all land and stock in their possession on the 31st day of December, 1909.

Any Owner or Occupier failing to comply with the provisions of the Act as hereby notified will be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds (£20), and the Inspector for the District has been instructed to take action in every case where persons have failed to make the required return.

Owners, etc. are cautioned against giving their returns to unauthorised persons who may call on them.
By order,
P. J. BYRNES,
Secretary.
56 Bridge-street, Sydney.

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 24th December, 1909.

IT is hereby notified, for public information, that I, JAMES SMITH MOLLISON, M. Inst. C.E., an Officer of the Public Service, have been appointed by his Excellency the Governor, in terms of the Local Government Act, 1906, and Acts amending the same, to make inquiry in connection with an application by the Council of the Municipality of Drummoyne to borrow the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of erecting Council Offices, the construction of Road Works, and the erection of Wharf for landing metal.

Such inquiry will be held at the Council-chambers, Drummoyne, on TUESDAY, the 4th January, 1910, at 10 a.m.

Any person interested, and wishing to be examined as a witness at such inquiry, may make application to me in writing, addressed to the Town Clerk, Drummoyne. In such application the nature of the evidence proposed to be given should be clearly stated, it being understood that no fees or expenses for attendance, if called, will be allowed.

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Dated at Sydney this 24th day of December, 1909.
V. H. BAXTER,
Resident Secretary.

I APOLOGISE to S. F. LIDDL, accusing him wrongfully on 19th Dec. John Durham, Randwick.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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MORITZ GOTTHELF,
Hon. Treasurer.
Sydney, December 24, 1909.

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S. A. KENNY,
Gen. Hon. Sec.
Teachers' College,
24-12-'09.

SATURDAY, 25th DECEMBER, and MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER being Public HOLIDAYS, the Offices of all Companies in the undermentioned Association will be CLOSED.
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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES.

They are happy memories those Christmas days in the Valley 20 odd years ago. The old station homestead was typical of all that was best in the Australian bush. Of boundless hospitality in house, hut, or kitchen; of a good boss and good men; of honest good fellowship; of true woman and good horses, and we never asked for more than that. After all, few men have more that is worth while. Christmas was kept up in real old-fashioned style, for old English customs were observed, although some of them did not harmonise too happily with Australian conditions. But it was essentially the children's hour, and climate did not trouble them much. There was a solid tribe of small girls and boys on the station, and their number was sturdily augmented by cousins and friends from town and city. Older visitors also made eagerly towards the Valley when the holidays came, and by Christmas the homestead was filled in every niche and corner.

The housing problem ever got beyond the mere male mind. But somehow everybody settled down somewhere, and there was always room for the late arrival. Down in the travellers' hut—it was a live institution in those days—the oldest battlers on the track made for the Valley at Christmas time. The "station house" was one of the old sort. There was not much pretence to architectural beauty, but it was large and roomy, for plenty of timber and good timber, too, covered the range. Brick houses were unknown in those days in the Valley, and the big broad verandah that ran round the front and sides, standing some three feet from the ground, made a good sleeping place on the hot summer's nights. Over in the barracks, where the overseers and jackeroos had their quarters, there was always a wild medley of clothes and other paraphernalia, but room to rig up a few more bunks. The charm of the season was the delightful confusion and general "mix up" that held sway. The old folks went along in their usual placid way undisturbed, but no one else did, for fixed routine was utterly and gleefully routed. In the finish the girls and "kiddies" had possession of the inside, stacked in somehow, while the fellows camped anywhere and anyhow, and enjoyed it.

Disorder, premeditated, peaceful disorder, is a wonderful tonic. In life's routine a man must sleep here, work there, and eat elsewhere, one day after another, with mechanical persistency. While to the mind and body moulded in a groove by years of repetition a breakaway is regarded with alarm, it has a highly exhilarating effect, and the return to the old settled routine an added charm. Change is the secret of a beneficial holiday. Variety was ever the spice of life. The throwing aside of fixed routine for the time and abandonment to happy, wild confusion is the outcome of the crowded house and overflowing kitchen in the bush at Christmas, and there are few places where the gospel of the season has more complete rule.

The climax came when a dance was held, for they dance, or at least we did in the Valley, although it was midsummer, and the thermometer gaily put up a record. The house was already crowded, and apparently further arrivals would "have to sleep on the fence." But the station traps kept rattling into the house paddock, and the boys and their sisters from other homesteads raced gaily round the river road—and they all piled in somewhere.

They danced in the long, old-fashioned dining-room, with its big six-foot open fireplace, and out on the wide verandah. If some were crowded out they did not mind. There were cool, cosy corners in the rambling garden, and other soft whispers mingled with the voices of the evening breeze. Some of these young people have exchanged those free open spaces for the cramped suburban villa and dusty street, and the Valley is but a dim and saddening memory of what was.

The elder folk would make away house towards morning, but a score or more of the younger generation would stop behind. If the housing question was a tough one the night before it was now something terrific. Yet it adjusted itself, and many a sturdy youngster slept as soundly down in the hayshed on a blanket as he ever slept anywhere; and the next day found them fresh and fit for work after a dip in the river. The old "Boss" in those days, maintained the old customs, and on Christmas Day the monster turkey and great round of roast beef were valiantly assailed. And just as in some snow-bound country homes on the other side of the world the mammoth plum pudding, with its sprig of holly and flaming brandy sauce, was an honoured institution, so it was all adhered to at the Valley, even to the sprig of holly. Outside it was a real Australian day. The sun beat fiercely and pitilessly upon dried, crackling, dusty grass. The horses grouped despondently head to tail, down under the willows near the creek, trying to escape the flies and heat. At times we gasped for breath, and were bathed in perspiration—yet the youngsters enjoyed it all, and no one seemed the worse. And none bothered about doing much if they could help it for the rest of the day. Of course it was all foolish and antiquated, and absurd to perpetuate those old customs in such an uncongenial climate. At least we are always told so, and the old style has given place to the new, and perhaps wiser, but still they are sweet memories those old time Christmas days in the Valley. There are happily many other Valleys that remain fixed in the memory of those whose lives have drifted far from them now. For the bush has a grip that years cannot loosen, and while in the rush and turmoil of life memory becomes dim there are times when it comes back into the heart with tumultuous, masterful force. The cry of the curlew comes again across the river flat; the magpies whistle in the hills. From the track along the hillside comes the jingle of bit and stirrup and ring of horse's hoof; crack of stockwhip, and bark of sheepdog—and as it all falls again on the ear the pulse quickens with the memory of those days that have so long been swept aside—but yet remain.

ITEMS.

A year or so ago there was a great flourish of trumpets respecting the use of cyanided sand as a fertiliser for wheat. The Victorian Agricultural Department made an experiment with it during the season just ended, and found that the wheat plots treated with the sand yielded no more grain than land which had not been treated with manure of any kind.

A new idea in propagating phylloxera resistant vines is attracting some attention in Victoria. Mr. W. G. Knight, sen., of Bendigo, introduced it. He uses the soft-growing tips of the new growth, and was able to show rooted plants four weeks old. Lucerne specimens propagated by the same method were also shown.

The Meadowbank Manufacturing Company writes:—"It may possibly be of interest to your readers to know that Mr. W. Jamieson, of Snowball, South Gundagai, stripped 123 bags in one day, working in a 40-bushel crop of wheat. It is suggested that this is probably a record for one day's stripping."

SPECIAL LEASEHOLDERS' TROUBLES.

"Inquirer" writes:—I hold a small special lease (Crown land) for 10 years. £2 per year rental; two years expired. My outlay in money has been £75; no return so far—dry season each year. Lantana and other rubbish grow on lease. I must pay to keep it down, return or no return. Then at the end of 10 years I have to chance getting renewal. The improvements belong to the Government, though it may compensate the lessee to some extent if it wants the land for some purpose. Should the leaseholder find he has made a mistake in taking up the land it is no security; he must leave his work and improvements behind. I think that better terms should be granted by the land board. A much longer lease, to give the tenant a chance to get his outlay back or to get something for the goodwill if he wishes to dispose of it. Very often these special leases have been taken up to clear the scrub patches of vermin, which do a lot of damage to surrounding crops. The local stock boards are, as a rule, the ones that object to the leases going. Being mostly composed of runholders, they look upon any lease granted to the public, except on the hardest conditions, as a precedent to too many pieces going from the road runs, etc. I should like to know what other special lease holders think about the matter.

THE WOOL TRADE.

SALES BY PRIVATE TREATY.

Business has been restricted since the last auctions to sales by private treaty of passed-in lots and of local fellmongered wools. Other wools, not yet offered, are to be held during the holiday recess. A strong demand has prevailed for available lines, and good clearances have been effected at prices equal to last auction rulings. The sales are being made subject to the strike clause in force during the recent auctions, which was to the effect that if, owing to the strike, the buyer had no opportunity of shipping his wool, then the seller should not receive payment until such time as the buyer had reasonable opportunity to ship and receive bill of lading. Upon those terms a fair volume of business has been transacted. More business could probably have been put through if buyers had been willing to purchase privately without any restriction during the recess. The arrangement, however, should work out satisfactorily to sellers, for the suspension should still further aid the strong demand probable from all sections upon the resumption of private sales without restriction on January 3 and of auctions on January 10.

CURRENT SYDNEY QUOTATIONS.

Rates current for the principal descriptions of staple offering in the Sydney market may be quoted as follow:—

Descrip.	Super.	Good.	Medium.	Inferior.
	d d	d d	d d	d d
Fleece	13½ to 18	11 to 13	8½ to 10	6 to 8
Broken	10½ to 13½	9 to 10	7 to 8½	5 to 6½
Bellies	9 to 10½	7½ to 8½	5½ to 7	4 to 5
Locks	5½ to 6½	4 to 5	2½ to 3½	1 to 2
Lambs	14 to 16½	9½ to 10½	7 to 9	4 to 6½
GREASY CROSSBRED.				
Fine	14 to 16½	10½ to 12½	8 to 9½	6 to 7½
Coarse	none offg.	8 to 9	6½ to 7½	4½ to 6
SCOURED MERINO.				
Fleece	21 to 24	19 to 20½	17 to 18½	15 to 16½
Broken	18 to 20	16 to 17½	14 to 15½	11½ to 13½
Bellies	17 to 19	15 to 16½	13 to 14½	10 to 12
Locks	12½ to 14½	10 to 12	8 to 9½	6 to 7½

SYDNEY AND OTHER MARKETS.

The roster of sales for the second half of the current weekly series in Sydney fixes the opening for Monday, January 10, and proceeds (with a break for the Brisbane sales on February 12) to March 14. In the ordinary course of events the opening sales in the New Year would have been held on January 3, but the postponement of the Brisbane sales from December 13 to January 6, through the coal-miners' strike, necessitates a recasting of the Sydney roster. Of course, the roster as it is now fixed will be subject to alteration if labour troubles force it upon the trade. The prospects at present, however, are for the auctions to be resumed as arranged. In which case Brisbane sells on the 6th proximo, and expects to clear up its main season's wool. Shearing throughout north Queensland is practically over, and the few stations that were delayed by rain expect to cut out by the end of this month. There will, however, be clearing up sales on February 12. In Melbourne, auctions will be resumed concurrently with Sydney, and Geelong sells on January 13. From present estimates it would seem that about 90,000 bales will be offered in Melbourne, and some 27,000 bales in Geelong, a total of about 117,000 bales for Victoria. Adelaide expects to sweep its boards by January 17, when the last of its sales for the current season are fixed. The offerings and sales in interstate markets, as compiled by Dalgety and Co., Ltd., from July 1, 1909, to December 24, are as follow:—

Markets.	Offerings. 1909-10	Offerings. 1908-09	Sales. 1909-10	Sales. 1908-09
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Sydney	276,405	413,738	410,326	425,989
Melbourne	280,727	202,610	249,564	194,091
Geelong	78,537	75,265	75,796	72,320
Adelaide	136,806	110,584	124,736	105,035
Brisbane	69,327	70,364	53,695	63,662
Commonwealth	942,092	872,881	944,117	880,047
Increase	69,211	—	86,070	—

A GOOD OUTLOOK.

The prospects for the remainder of the selling season are decidedly good. There is not the same opportunity now for "bearing" the Australian markets as there was in October last. Supplies were lightened, and kept back through causes apart from the wool trade, with the result that the "bears" who were active in October have since been discomfited. In the meantime, trade has kept sound, and purchases that have been made in Australasia already this season to the extent of over one million bales have fast been passing into consumption. The mills are well occupied in the United Kingdom and on the Continent, while American needs are unusually great. Buxton, Ronald, and Co., writing London, November 10 last, remarked that the general tenor of the markets was indicative of a steady volume of trade, wool going satisfactorily into consumption, but business a while previously had been hampered by the bear movement on the part of the Continental trade to lower merino values. It was obvious to most, says that firm, that some such movement was to be expected, but the decline at that time was not to be taken as evidence of a contraction in business, but due entirely to the determination of those interested to start the season on a more favourable basis. With the limited supply of raw material available in this country, actual business has been kept necessarily in small compass, the bulk of transactions being in the nature of forward selling for future delivery. Merino top makers, however, are not so anxious to accept the lower values they were willing to take a fortnight ago, and are in many instances now making higher prices. It will thus be seen that the present is a time of uncertainty, and may probably continue so for a little while, but it is quite likely that values of merino wool will tend upward again.

THE WOOL DRAFT ALLOWANCE.

The first act of the selling brokers in recess was to call an interstate conference in Sydney on the question of abolishing the 1lb per cwt draft allowance. Representatives of the Melbourne, Geelong, and Brisbane associations were present, and it was decided to ascertain the views of growers on the subject before taking any further action. A circular letter is to be drafted and sent to growers. Referring to this decision, the Melbourne "Argus" of Wednesday last said that "in this connection it would be as well for growers to understand that even if the draft allowance be done away with, they will not benefit one iota. Under present selling conditions, 1lb per cwt is given to buyers for what is commonly known as a draft allowance. Once this is done away with the buyer reduces his estimate of yield by 1 per cent., and calculates his price accordingly. This being, so, it is difficult to see what good end is to be gained in endeavouring to abolish it. Moreover, the grower is not the only one in the wool trade that makes such an allowance to the buyer. For instance, it is a very common, if not a universal, custom for the manufacturer in Yorkshire to sell his stuff to the merchant at 37in to the yard, whilst the merchant, in his turn, doubtless makes equal concessions to the retail trade, if not in over-full measures, at least in extended credit. Be this as it may, should the question assume definite shape, it will meet with very solid opposition from buyers in all parts of the world. The custom is a world-wide one, and has been in force from time immemorial. Indeed, as one well-known Yorkshire buyer puts it, the principle is as old as the Bible, wherein we are told that we shall 'give to the buyer full measure, pressed down, and running over.'"

A WORN-OUT CUSTOM.

In advancing trade "custom" as the argument for the retention of the draft allowance no cognisance is taken of the completely altered trade conditions since the custom came into vogue and those obtaining at the present time. Had all the circumstances surrounding the custom been maintained the abolition of the draft could not and would not be proposed or entertained. The custom arose through the use of scales that would not be tolerated today in a marine store-dealer's premises. There was apt to be an incorrectness in the weights taken that ought not to go against the buyer. Hence the draft allowance of 1lb per cwt on wool. To-day the wool-weighing machines have to be accurate, and sworn weighers have to vouch for the accuracy of the weights taken of wool entering the store. That is a rule that is backed up by wool-selling regulations that were not dreamed of by wool dealers when the draft originally came to be allowed. "Times and the manners change," and while buyers insist upon changes being made with regard to the weighing of wool they object to a corresponding change with regard to the weight to be charged. There must be all the change possible in arriving at accuracy and receiving full weight, quite apart from the draft allowance, but none as the counterpart of it. Surely that is not fair if those who have wool to sell desire to make the change. The principle of weighing wool with the old steelyards was as old as the hills and as venerable as the custom of the draft allowance, till modern and more correct methods superseded the weighing part of the business. Custom had to change in the one respect, and it seems destined to go in the other.

SYDNEY WOOL RECEIPTS.

Now that the Railway Department has resumed receiving wool at country railway stations and carrying it to the seaboard receipts coming to store are on a more ample scale. The arrivals by rail and by boat for the past week and for the season to date compared to the corresponding period last year are as follow:—

BY RAIL.

Season.	Dec. 18-24.	July 1-Dec. 24.
	Bales.	Bales.
1909-10	33,277	603,660
1908-9	19,070	586,529
Increase	14,207	17,131

BY BOAT.

Season.	Dec. 18-24.	July 1-Dec. 24.
	Bales.	Bales.
1909-10	3,276	97,576
1908-9	6,878	120,034
Decrease	3,602	22,458

BRADFORD TOPS.

The Bradford top market is cabled as brisk on spot, with merinos down ½d, and crossbreds up ½d, as compared with the rates of a week ago. The principal course of prices since the opening of the current wool season has been as follows:—

1909—	64's.	Sup. 60's.	Com. 60's.	Medium.	Xbd. Coarse.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Dec. 24	27½	26½	25½	16½	14½
Dec. 17	27½	26½	25½	16½	13½
Oct. 22	26	27	25	16	13½
Oct. 15	27	26	25	16	13½
Oct. 8	29	28	27	16	13½
Sept. 17	28½	27½	26½	15½	13
Aug. 27	28	27	26	14½	12½
Aug. 20	27½	26½	25½	14½	12½
Aug. 13	27½	26½	25½	14½	12½
July 24	27	26	25	14	12½
July 2	27½	26½	25½	14½	12½
1908—					
Dec. 18	24	23	22	12½	11½
Dec. 4	24½	23½	22½	13½	12½
Nov. 13	23½	22½	21½	12½	10½
Nov. 6	23	22½	21½	11½	10
Aug. 28	23½	22½	21½	11½	10½
Aug. 14	24	23	22	12	12½
July 24	24½	23½	22½	12½	11
July 17	24	23	22	12½	11
July 3	23½	23½	21½	11½	10

NEXT LONDON WOOL SALES.

The first series of the 1910 London wool sales is arranged to open on January 18. There is no limit in connection with the arrivals for that series, but there is for the second series, fixed to open on March 8. The limit of new arrivals for the March series is set down at 175,000 bales. At the 1909 January sales there were 201,000 bales available. Of the offerings, 92,000 bales were secured by home buyers, 88,000 bales were taken by the Continent, 12,000 bales by America, and 9000 bales carried over.

MESSRS. WENZ'S REPORT.

Messrs. Wenz and Co.'s report of November 15 last was that since the beginning of November, and more particularly during the previous week, the demand had gradually improved, and a good turnover had taken place in all styles. Prices ruled very firm, and occasionally a shade higher. Stocks in good merino and crossbred descriptions were very light. Their five chief conditioning houses registered during October 5,600,000 kilos of tops, as against 6,083,000 in October, 1908. The total for the past 10 months, 1909 (52,804,000) showed an increase of 10,358,00k., as compared with the same period in 1908 (52,445,000). In noils, the tone was rather better, and quotations unchanged. The combing mills remained poorly occupied there, while in the north, owing to fresh arrivals, they were relatively well off for work.

WOOL SHIPMENTS.

Six vessels have cleared the Sydney Customs for the United Kingdom and foreign ports since last week's review with wool aggregating 18,847 bales. Shipments are being made freely in spite of labour troubles, and there is practically no wool blocked. The vessels, with approximate quantities shipped and totals to date, compared to the corresponding period last season, are as follow:—

	Bales.
Clan Sinclair, Dec. 16, for London and Continent	5,320
Marmora, Dec. 18, for London	578
Banffshire, Dec. 19, for London	178
Aldenham, Dec. 21, for Japan	279
Commonwealth, Dec. 23, for London	1,622
Kasenga, Dec. 24, for London and Continent	10,871
Total from Sydney since last review	18,847
Total from Sydney and Newcastle from July 1, 1909, to date	413,337
Corresponding period last season	474,387
Decrease	61,050
Transhipments for current season to date	20,191

WESTERN LESSEES ASSOCIATION

The Western Lessees' Association met at Merrowie Creek, Booligal, last Saturday, there being a good and representative attendance of members. The principal business of the meeting was the drafting of a letter to the other associations with similar aims, and to the Pastures Protection Boards of the western parts of the State on the question of the administration of the main stock routes. It was decided to invite co-operation in a movement to have all the main routes withdrawn from lease, fenced off, and looked after by the caretakers of the public watering place, who would be responsible for the destruction of noxious weeds and rabbits, and would see that nothing but travelling stock used the reserves; also in having a public watering place in every section of, say, 15 miles. To meet the expense of administration it was proposed by the association that a charge of 6d per 100 per day should be made for sheep, and 1d per head for large stock while travelling on the routes. The maintenance of feed and water on the main routes to the railway for the Sydney and Victorian markets is regarded as of supreme importance to the western lessees, who do not propose to interfere with the present arrangements with respect to the minor routes, or routes of access to the main stock roads, which in this district are a mile in width. In response to the association's request for the erection of a new bridge over the Lachlan River at Whealbah, the department wrote that if the Carrathool Shire Council, whose boundary came up to the eastern bank of the stream, would pay half the cost the Minister would be prepared to favourably consider the proposal. The association decided to press its claim to the bridge, irrespective of the attitude the shire council might take up, it being thought that the council would probably refuse to do any more than make the necessary approaches on its side of the river. Disappointment was expressed at the small flow of the Lachlan waters which had come down the Merrowie Creek this year, in view of the fact that during the winter months there was a good flow of water in the main stream. Members who had inspected the creek attributed this to an unfair dam upon it, which it was alleged was not provided with a sufficient bywash to permit of the onward flow of the water when the dam was full. After a good deal of discussion it was decided to write to the Western Lands' Commissioners complaining of the stopping of the flow of water, asking if the dam alluded to was licensed, and if so, how permission came to be granted without a condition that an ample bywash was provided. It was said that with the exception of one all the dams of the creek were in good order, and the bywashes efficiently serving their purpose.

ROYAL SHOW SCHEDULE.

The schedule of classes for the Royal Show, which will be held March 22 to March 30 on the Sydney Show Ground has again been carefully revised by the sectional committees of the society, and a number of requests for additional classes and increased prize-money have been granted by the council. The total prize-money is increased by about £400, bringing the grand total for the show to over £4600. This is by far the largest prize list submitted by an agricultural society in Australasia.

The principal increase is in cattle, to which over £200 has been added, making a total of over £1100 in the section. A new class has been added for bull and five of his progeny, to be tested for the greatest quantity of milk and butter fat on the farms. Another new class is for beef shorthorn bulls, one year and under 18 months. This became necessary in consequence of the large number of bulls entered in the yearling class. Last show there were 64 bulls in this class.

In farm produce the principal addition is £100 in the district exhibits, the prize-money for which will be £400 for up to four exhibits, or £500 for five or more than five displays.

In horses, draughts have received special attention, the prizes having been increased in several cases. A new hunting contest is for horses which shall not have won a first prize at a Sydney Royal Show up to the date of competition. The system of class trots has been extended, and classes are provided for horses with records to a mile in three minutes. In the management of the ring events it has been found difficult to keep the time, because some contests draw far more entries than others. It has, therefore, been decided to arrange the time-table after entries are received, and each horse exhibitor will receive a copy of this before the show.

Classes have been added in a supplementary list for Dorset horn sheep, while in the fruit and other sections there are some useful additions. The secretary states that a considerable increase in the number of exhibitors is assured. People in New South Wales are applying for schedules, and the show will certainly be larger than any of its predecessors.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.

FOREST REEFS.—Mr. S. Whitmee, a member of the Western Closer Settlement Board, reports that on about the 17th of next month Mungery Station, comprising some 90,000 acres, will be thrown open for settlement.

At Katoomba, on Boxing Day, Lilianfels Park, a portion of the late estate of Sir Frederick Darley, will be submitted at auction. This is regarded as one of the most important subdivisions that has taken place at Katoomba for years past. The auctioneers are Piercy Ethell and Co., of Sydney.

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FREE LABOUR CONGRESS.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

UNIONISM STRONGLY DENOUNCED.

There is no free labour association in New South Wales. In England, however, the National Free Labour Association is an established institution. It recently held its seventeenth annual congress, and reported a year of "continued prosperity." The London "Daily Telegraph" says that the congress was, like its predecessors in one respect, inasmuch as the leading note throughout was the determination to maintain the industrial freedom of those workers who decline to be either led or oppressed by the trade unions. The association has enjoyed a year of continued prosperity, so far as defeating strikes is concerned, and its successes since the previous congress include its intervention in the strikes of the engineers employed on the Grimsby steam trawlers, the Briton Ferry furnacemen, the West Hartlepool dockers, and a large printing works dispute at Manchester. There was a large attendance of delegates, and the presidential address of Mr. Robert Stubbs was listened to with much interest.

Mr. W. Collison, the general secretary, read the seventeenth annual report, which he prefaced by a statement to the effect that the congress met at the close of a year of unexampled trade depression in every branch of home industry. Throughout the land were thousands of factories and workshops closed or working on short time, and it was estimated that one million breadwinners were out of employment. Step by step the march of free labour, which was the march of the rights of men, had been accomplished through the efforts of the association, for the wageearners who had suffered under the heel of trade union tyranny had always been in the majority. (Hear, hear.)

Dealing with the Government system of labour exchanges, the report stated that the association had had a great deal of experience in labour registration and supply, having started labour exchanges all over the country, which, during the past 17 years, had found employment for no fewer than 280,000 workmen. During the year the association had been busily engaged in supplying men to a number of employers throughout the country, in order to establish the "open shop," and employment had been found for over 12,000 men. During its 17 years' existence the association had defeated 680 strikes and prevented many thousands of disputes that might have lasted for months, paralysed local industries, breaking up numberless homes, and driving many innocent wives and children into the workhouse. But probably its greatest work had been in exposing the impudent claim of trade union and socialist members of Parliament that they represented Labour in any broad or general sense. (Hear, hear.) As a matter of fact, those men represented only that small proscriptive, despotic, monopolistic body which, while masquerading in the guise of organised labour, was not qualified to speak for the great body of labour, embracing all classes of workmen and numbering millions. (Cheers.)

Mr. Stubbs, in the course of his presidential address, said the whole foundation of trade unionism was laid on the attempt to build up a poor, good-for-nothing, shiftless workman to the level of the good man, and to force on employers workmen they would rather be without. Trade unionism destroyed initiative and fostered hate. It separated the employer from the employed, and placed an injunction upon progress. It perpetuated distrust, organised enmity, and created a system of suspicion. Trade unionism did not strive to get the work done—its intent was to make it last. (Hear, hear.) Twenty years ago trade unionism, unrestrained and militant, was rapidly controlling our national industries. It was almost a crime to criticise a union. The press, the politicians, and the public at large seemed to vie with each other to court the favour of the trade union buccaneers. But a change had come over public feeling in this direction, and the Free Labour Association was largely responsible for it. The strike was no longer popular. When the trade unions threatened to tie up an industry, the press was now generally disposed to argue the question with due regard to the rights of the citizen. When a free labourer was assaulted the police were much more active than formerly in running down his assailant. Trade union disciples of the gospel of converting the non-unionists through violence and murder were occasionally even sent to gaol. (Laughter.)

What had brought about these changes? The question could be answered in two words—free labour. Organisations in restraint of trade and contrary to the country's welfare made counter organisations imperative. There was only one way to increase wages as a whole. It was obvious that men would hesitate to invest their capital in productive enterprises if it meant constant struggles with trade unions. Given peace, industrial activity must prevail. Given industrial activity, wages must both rise and be paid to those who are at present unemployed. Trade unionists talked of raising wages, but they would do well to remember that no agitation or organisation could permanently increase profits in any business, and that wages must depend on profits. The trade unionists recommended the restriction of the hours of labour as a means of enriching the workers, just as a fool might recommend that half the land should be allowed to lie waste in order to increase the supply of food. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) There was only one way in which it was possible to shorten the hours of labour without impoverishing the workers, and that was by increasing the productiveness of labour.

The Socialistic Labour party had become a very dangerous and mischievous force, both in industrial and political affairs, and the Government had at every turn tamely surrendered to it, with consequences that threatened to be disastrous to individual liberty, just because the Government wanted to make friends with it, and thus prolong their own miserable and worthless political existence. (Hear, hear.) The rank and file of the socialists were flighty, impatient, unsafe, and incompetent. They looked upon socialism as a quick means of recovering their battered fortunes, and they were animated by jealousy and prompted by greed. Their sense of honour was microscopic, for their ideal was eight hours' work for ten hours' pay, without an overseer or foreman. (Hear, hear.) They resented supervision, and they regarded their employer as their enemy. They were not content with the equality of opportunity, thus securing an open course for all who ran, and allowing victory to be obtained by the best; but they must needs have equality in means as well as in the chances of using them. Nearly all socialists were agreed on one object, namely, that the entire capital of the country—understanding thereby everything that might be used as a means of production, distribution, or exchange, must be taken out of private hands, and placed in public ones. By hook or by crook, peaceably or forcibly, this would be done if the socialists had their way. But were not the socialists men who were dreaming with their eyes open? (Hear, hear.) Disappointed with things as they were, they gave rein to their imaginations, and followed the lead of their emotions, instead of obeying the dictates of reason. It was a pity that so few men had the moral courage to tell the socialists the truth about the matter, instead of basely pandering to them. If but one-half of the energy which was devoted to the spread of bad politics were applied to the exposure of them, socialism would not be the danger it was to-day, and most assuredly not the danger it was likely to become in the future. (Cheers.)

The congress then proceeded to general business.

DEATH FROM ELECTRIC SHOCK

Harold Baker, an electrician, who accidentally received an electric shock, of about 3000 volts, at the Balmain lighting station, last Monday, died in Balmain Hospital on Thursday night. Deceased's leg was burnt almost to the bone.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

"For years I suffered unceasingly from chronic pain in the back and head, scarcely having a moment's peace. Sometimes I would grow dizzy, and seem to lose my senses. Dark specks would float before my eyes, and my sight would become cloudy. There were many days when I could scarcely drag through my duties. I was in a terribly low condition—much reduced in flesh, and had no appetite. I tried many remedies, and doctors were consulted without benefiting me in the least. I was gradually getting worse, and had almost given up hope, when I began to take Warner's Safe Cure. From that time an improvement began to take place in my health, I improved rapidly, and continued to do so until I was once more in the enjoyment of good health. Warner's Safe Cure worked wonders in my case, and I can recommend it to all others suffering in like manner."

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BIRTHS.

BURGESS.—December 1, 1909, at Parramatta, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burgess—a son.

DANIEL.—December 22, at Rivoli, Louisa-road, Long Nose Point, the wife of H. F. Daniel—a daughter.

DANNEVIG.—November 10, at The Anchorage, Dunbar, Scotland, the wife of H. C. Dannevig (Melbourne)—a son.

DEAN.—November 24, at Hampden-road, Artarmon, the wife of Alfred Dean—a son. Melbourne papers please copy.

KING.—December 9, at her residence, City Bank of Sydney, Braidwood, the wife of J. Fred. L. King, of a daughter.

LEWIS.—December 16, at Yawatta, Duke-street, Kensington, the wife of Percy Lewis—a daughter (Margaret).

MACPHERSON.—December 6, 1909, at Scone, to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Macpherson, of Woodlands, Scone—a daughter.

MOSES.—December 11, at Heverle, Wahroonga, the wife of F. A. Moses—a son.

PLATT.—December 23, at 195 Elizabeth-street, Mrs. Arthur H. Platt—a son.

ROTHWELL.—December 9, at Illaroo, Selborne-street, Burwood, the wife of J. H. Rothwell—a son.

SHAW.—December 18, 1909, at Nurse Brown's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst, the wife of R. Albert Shaw, of a daughter.

SPENCER (nee Bates).—December 16, at Terry-street, Tempe Park, the wife of Thomas H. Spencer—a son (stillborn).

TERREY.—December 9, at Overbank, Muston-street, Mosman, the wife of Alexander Terrey—a son.

WALLACE.—November 19, 1909, at her residence, Rotseville, Orange, the wife of B. J. Wallace—a son (Charles Walter May).

WYATT.—December 19, at Carrwe, Spit-road, Mosman, the wife of Sydney J. Wyatt, J.P.—a son.

MARRIAGES.

BARKER—FAHEY.—November 30, 1909, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, by the Rev. W. Newmarch, Alfred E., eldest son of Edward C. Barker, Marrickville, to Mary, third daughter of the late Francis Fahey and Mrs. H. Brown, Kogarah.

DAWSON—CROFT.—December 11, 1909, at St. Clement's, Mosman, by Rev. Clive T. L. Yarrington, M.A., Launcelot E. Dawson, eldest son of Captain L. and Mrs. Dawson, Berowra, Lavender Bay, to Constance Haldane Ann, second and only surviving daughter and youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croft, Queen-street, Mosman.

FEWKES—WALTHER.—November 24, 1909, at St. Stephen's Church, Newtown, by the Rev. W. L. Langley, Newton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fewkes, of Marrickville, to Albina (Alma) W. M., eldest daughter of Mrs. A. E. Walther, of Dickson-street, Newtown.

GRIFFITHS—BENSON.—December 8, 1909, at St. James' Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Sydney Marston, Frank Malcolm, youngest son of George Frederick Griffiths, of Wirrialpa, Raglan-street, Mosman, to Rubina Welman, third daughter of William Welman-Benson, of Deep Dene, Mosman, and granddaughter of the late Captain W. W. H. Benson, 57th Regt.; also grand niece to Major Hercules Weiman, A.D.C.Q. Melbourne papers please copy.

HEFFERNAN—LEAN.—December 15, at St. Paul's Church, Redfern, by Rev. Thos. J. Heffernan, Benjamin Alfred Heffernan, youngest son of the late Rev. Wm. Heffernan, of Bowenfels, to Agnes, youngest daughter of the late Christopher Lean, of Dungog.

HUME—JONES.—September 8, 1909, at St. Francis' Church, Paddington, by the Rev. Father P. Birch, Walter Leslie, fourth son of Mr. J. C. Hume, of Park-road, Moore Park, to Mary Veronique (Vera), daughter of the late Mr. T. A. Jones, of Coonamble, and Mrs. Jones, of Darlinghurst.

MACKENZIE—CRANE.—On December 15, in the Presbyterian Church, Taralga, by Rev. Charles Crane, B.A., father of the bride, William Donald Mackenzie, to Annie Beatrice Crane.

MASTON—TAYLOR.—December 8, at St. John's, Beecroft, by the Rev. J. Young, William Joshua, elder son of James Maston, of Karangi, to Clara Louisa, youngest daughter of Henry J. Taylor, of Beecroft.

SMALL—CARNE.—On December 8, at St. Philip's, Sydney, by the Rev. Canon Bellingham, William Beaumont, only son of William P. Small, of Burwood, to Dora Clarice, fifth daughter of Benjn. Carne, of Strathfield.

SULLIVAN—AINSWORTH.—On October 27, at St. Philip's Church, Church Hill, by Rev. Canon Bellingham, M.A., Albert R., only son of W. R. Sullivan, Glebe Point, to Frances M., fourth daughter of George Ainsworth, Woodbine, Fredericton, Macleay River.

WALTHER—VYSE.—On November 10, at Kent-terrace Church, Wellington, by the Rev. J. K. Elliott, George Walther, seventh son of William Albert Walther, M.D., Hanover, Germany, to (Nurse) Ada Vyse, Palmerston North, N.Z., eldest daughter of Vincent Twates Davis, Glen Innes, N.S.W., and widow of the late Frederick Vyse, London.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

GRAY—ROBERTS.—December 26, 1884, at Liverpool, N.S.W., by late Rev. Dean Leonard, William, second son of late William and Janet Gray, of Glasgow, to Elizabeth Maud, only daughter of the late Philip and Susannah Roberts, of Liverpool. Present address: Parkhead, Bridge-street, Hornsby.

HARDWICK—HOWELL.—December 25, 1884, at St. Paul's Church, Auckland, N.Z., by the Rev. C. M. Nelson, Ernest Arthur, fifth son of the late G. W. Hardwick, to Charlotte Jane, eldest daughter of the late James Howell, of Auckland. Present address: Lewisham.

PEARL WEDDING.

HEWISH—SPERRING.—December 25, 1879, at Wesleyan Church, Clutton, by the Rev. C. A. Booth, George, eldest son late William and Annie Hewish, of Paulton, England, to Annie, eldest daughter of the late George and Sarah Sperring, of Timsbury, England. Present address, Kilmeston, Trade-street, Newtown.

DEATHS.

BARBER.—December 24, 1909, at Eden, Bright-street, Stanmore, Caroline Amelia, widow of the late Thomas Andrew Barber, formerly of Yass, aged 69 years.

DE LANEY.—December 24, 1909, at Lister Hospital, Darlinghurst, Robert De Laney, aged 63 years and 11 months.

DE LANEY.—December 24, 1909, Robert De Laney, late of Chester, Station-road, Auburn, aged 63 years.

MINNETT.—December 20, 1909, at Melbourne, Mary, relict of the late Captain J. C. V. Minnett, 14th Regiment.

MOONEY.—December 21, at Lewisham, Alicia Mooney, of Croydon. God rest her soul.

SHAW.—December 20, at Kogarah-road, Kogarah, Ellen, widow of the late Joseph Shaw, in her 82nd year.

SYKES.—On December 17, 1909, at Inverell, William Morton Sykes, Principal of Inverell Grammar School, native of Yorkshire, England. Home papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARRINGTON.—In loving memory of our dear father, Joe Barrington, beloved husband of Sarah Barrington, who passed away December 25, 1868. To live in hearts he loved is not to die. Inserted by his children, Cecil, Bernhard, Norman, Lil, and Vanda Barrington.

CAULFIELD.—In sorrowful remembrance of our darling brother, Paul, who was killed at the corner of William and Riley streets, Woolloomooloo, on Christmas Day, 1903, aged 31 years.
His memory is as dear to-day
As in the hour he passed away.
Inserted by his loving sisters and brother-in-law, Ellen, Ben Stevens, Gertrude Caulfield.

CLEARY.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Cleary, who died December 23, 1908, in her 74th year; also my dear father, Martin Cleary, who died June 16, 1880, in his 58th year.
They have left this the land of their exile
To dwell in the mansions of our Heavenly Father.
Inserted by their loving daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Robert Tovey.

COADY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear daughter and our dear sister, Mary (Minnie) Jane Coady, who departed this life at Lindfield, December 25, 1908, aged 28. Gone from us; oh, how sadly we miss you. Inserted by her loving mother, brothers, and sister, Home.

DANIELS.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Samuel Daniels, who died at the Coast Hospital December 25, aged 48 years. Never forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife, M. A. Daniels, and family.

DEAMON.—In ever-loving and sorrowful remembrance of our dear father, John Gifford Deamon, who suffered a sad and painful death by burning, at his residence, off Malvern-road, Sutherland, N.S.W., December 26, 1908, in his 68th year, the beloved father of Mrs. George O'Dell and Henry and Louisa Deamon. May his dear soul rest in peace. Amen. Inserted by his ever-loving daughter Louisa. Home papers please copy.
He left us in his health and strength,
No thought of death was near;
How soon the word of death was brought
To them he loved so dear.
None knew how sad the parting,
Or what the farewell cost,
But God and His holy angels
Have gained what we have lost.

FYFE.—In memory of our dearly loved daughter, Maud Ann, who departed this life Christmas Day, 1901, aged 17 years. Though lost to sight, still to memory dear. Inserted by her loving parents, J. C. and E. Fyfe.

GREGORY.—In loving memory of our little darling Minnie, who departed this life December 25, 1908. An angel at the throne of God. Inserted by her loving parents.

HADDON.—In sad and loving memory of our dear little daughter, Amy Edith, who departed this life at Drummoyne December 26, 1908, aged eight months.
We had a little treasure once,
Who was our joy and pride;
We loved her, ah! perhaps too well,
For soon she slept and died.
Inserted by her sorrowing mother and father, Amy and Joseph Haddon.

HADDON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear grand-daughter and niece, Amy Edith, who departed this life December 26, 1908, aged eight months. Sadly missed. Inserted by her loving grandparents, T. and E. Smart, Percy, and Stella.

HAINES.—A tribute of unfading love to the memory of our darling son, Herbert Christopher, who was called to the higher life on Christmas Day, 1907. Beloved and respected by all who knew him.
No need for silent grieving,
Though bitter tears may fall;
For you are in God's keeping,
And that to us is all.
Inserted by his lonely mother and father. R.I.P.

HAINES.—A tribute of unfading love to the memory of our darling brother, Herbert Christopher, who was called to the higher life on Christmas Day, 1907. Not lost but gone before.
We loved him, no tongue can tell,
How much we loved him, or how well;
God loved him too, and thought it best
To take him to His home of rest.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Elvy and Eddy Friedewald. R.I.P.

HAINES.—A tribute of unfading love to the memory of my darling only brother, Herbert Christopher, who was called to the higher life on Christmas Day, 1907. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on his soul. Inserted by his loving brother Arthur. R.I.P.

HAINES.—A tribute of unfading love to the memory of my dearly beloved friend, Herbert Christopher, who was called to the higher life on Christmas Day, 1907.
Rest, dearest Herbert, sweetly rest,
They miss you most who loved you best.
Inserted by his ever-loving friend, Louie Bezold. R.I.P.

HENDERSON.—To the memory of dear Emma, beloved wife of Alfred Henderson, who fell asleep on December 25, 1906, at her residence, 207 Stanmore-road, Petersham, aged 30. Asleep in the grave, with the hope of a glorious waking. Consider.

HERBERT.—In memory of my son Frederick, chief engineer of tug Advance, lost at sea Christmas night, 1908. Inserted by his mother, Mrs. B. Elliott.

IN MEMORIAM.

IRWIN.—In fond and loving memory of our dear son, Charlie, who died Christmas Day, 1908, aged 17 years.
Not dead to me, I loved him dear;
Not lost, but gone before.
He lives with me in memory still,
And will for ever more.
Inserted by his loving father and mother, William and Julia Irwin.

IRWIN.—In loving memory of Charles David Moore Irwin, who departed this life on December 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Will and Mabel.

IRWIN.—A sad tribute of affection to the memory of my dearest friend, Charles David Moore Irwin, who died December 25, 1908. Inserted by his sorrowing chum, David Stewart.

LOOSEMORE.—In sad but ever loving remembrance of our dearly loved son, Fred., who passed to the higher life on December 25, 1907, in Prince Alfred Hospital, aged 22 years. Peacefully sleeping.
Thy voice is ever near me,
In accents sweet, but low,
Whispering eternal glory,
And an end to earthly woe.
Inserted by his sorrowing parents, W. and R. Loosemore, White-street, Leichhardt.

LOOSEMORE.—A tribute of love and affection to the memory of our dearly loved brother, Fred., who passed peacefully away on December 25, 1907, aged 22 years. As the ivy clings to the oak so shall our memory cling to thee.
Rest, dear brother, we will not awake thee,
For fear, care and sorrow would darken thy brow.
How sweet is thy rest with the birds warbling o'er thee.
No more of life's troubles shall harm thee now.
Never forgotten by his affectionate sisters, Alice and Ollie, and brothers, Will, Harold, and Clarrie.

LOOSEMORE.—In fond and ever-loving memory of our dearly loved brother, Fred., who was called to the higher life on December 25, 1907, aged 22 years. At rest.
How oft we picture in our minds,
That beauteous home above,
And pray that God will lead us on,
To him we fondly love.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, R. and H. Simms, and his little niece, Cissie.

MERCHANT.—In fond remembrance of our dear mother, Bridget Merchant, who died Christmas morning, 1902. Some time, some day, our eyes shall see the face we keep in memory.
Inserted by her loving family.

MOORE.—In sad and loving memory of my dear friend, Mrs. Moore, who departed this life 24th December, 1908. Inserted by her loving friend Annie Mills.

Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of my dear brother, who met his death at Riley and William streets, Woolloomooloo, Christmas Day, 1903. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law and family.

PARSONS.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, Enos Parsons, who departed this life December 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving wife, Emma Parsons.

PARSONS.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Enos Parsons, who departed this life December 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving daughters, Hannah Roper and Bertha Sim.

PARSONS.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Enos Parsons, who departed this life December 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving sons, Sidney and Harold Parsons.

PATON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, Jack Paton, who died at Redfern on Christmas Eve, 1908. Inserted by his loving brothers, Alick and George Paton.

PATON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear brother, Jack Paton, who died at Redfern on Christmas Eve, 1908. Inserted by his loving brother-in-law and sister, Jack and Mary Thomas. At rest.

PATON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear uncle, Jack Paton, who died at Redfern on Christmas Eve, 1908. Inserted by his loving nephew and nieces, Harold, Ethel, Vera, and Alma Thomas.

RYNG.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Ryng, who departed this life Christmas morning, 1904. Inserted by her loving children.

SCOTT.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, who departed this life December 25, 1908, aged 77.
Dearest mother, how we miss you,
None but we can tell;
But we hope to meet in heaven,
Where there is no farewell.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and James Adams.

SCOTT.—In loving memory of our dear grandmother, who departed this life December 25, 1908, aged 77.
Long days and nights she bore in pain,
To wait for cure was all in vain;
But God alone, Who thought it best,
Did ease her pain and give her rest.
Inserted by her loving grandchildren, Jeannie, Jim, Hetty, and Sarah Adams.

SLEET.—In loving memory of our dear father, who departed this life December 25, 1908.
We saw him suffer day by day,
It caused us bitter grief,
To see him slowly pine away,
And could not give relief.
Inserted by his loving children, Walter, Will, Ethel, Jean.

SLEET.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, George Alfred, who departed this life on the 25th of December, 1908. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, George Ruby, and grandchildren, Ethel, Aileen. As the ivy clings to the rock, so shall our memory cling to thee.

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Martha Wright, who departed this life December 25, 1907.
The flowers we place upon her grave
Will wither and decay,
But the love for her who lies beneath
Will never fade away.
Inserted by her loving husband and children, Ralph, Elsie, Harold, and Gladys.

WRIGHT.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Martha Wright, who departed this life December 25, 1907. Sadly missed.
Fairer than the flowers above her,
Lying on her still cold breast,
Placed by gentle hands that loved her,
Darling mother has gone to rest.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Maud and Thomas Peterson.

WRIGHT.—In loving remembrance of my ever-loving sister, Martha Wright, who departed this life December 25, 1907.
All you who have a sister,
One so fond and true;
Cherish her with tender care,
For when she's gone, and gone for ever,
You will miss her everywhere.
Inserted by her ever-loving sister and brother-in-law, Lydia James; also her loving mother, Mary Loveday Brennan.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. SYDNEY MILLER and FAMILY, of Redfern, desire to return their heartfelt THANKS to their many friends, also the doctors and nurses of K Ward, Sydney Hospital, and the Sydney cabmen, for their kind sympathy, floral tributes, and letters in their sad bereavement in the loss of their beloved husband and father.

Mrs. W. T. GOODGE and FAMILY desire to return sincere THANKS to their many kind friends for floral tributes, telegrams, letters, and other expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement.

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Mr. T. STEPHENS and Miss KAY desire to return sincere THANKS to their friends for letters and floral tributes, expressing sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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Mrs. A. WERRICK and FAMILY, of 22 Albert-street, Redfern, desire to return THANKS to all kind friends for telegrams, letters, and personal calls, during their late sad bereavement.

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CHRISTMAS IN SYDNEY.

It would be difficult to persuade a stranger within our gates at this season of the year that Sydney is feeling the effects of a disaster which has already been the cause of want and misery, and is bound to weigh heavily upon the State for many years to come. There is no sign of dejection about the people in the streets, nor any diminution of the crowds that fill the city during the leisure hours of the day. But anyone who has known Sydney for a reasonable length of time is bound to have noticed that there is a great difference between this Christmas and those of former years. An Australian does not conclude that all is prosperous because there are no visible signs of misfortune. He knows that he lives among a nation of incorrigible optimists, who bear adversity more cheerfully than any other people in the world, except perhaps the Parisians. He knows that there is no people so firmly convinced that, whether or no all will come right in the end, nothing will be gained by anticipating evil or foregoing pleasure. The consequences of this national characteristic to the future of the race may for the present be left to the philosophers or the prophets whose duty it is to deliver improving observations to school children and their masters. The Australian is content with a well-known hero of comic opera to attribute it to the climate, and refuse to lament a law of growth. There are, however, other and less fallible signs which prove Sydney to be an index of the general state of the country. There are more people in the streets and the shops than in the normal weeks of the year, but there are far fewer than at any ordinary Christmas. The Sydney resident is accustomed to find no little difficulty in preserving a feeling of goodwill towards all men as he goes about his daily task in the weeks that have just passed. He sympathises with the celebrated novelist who left London lest he should one day knock down some loafer in the Strand. He finds the streets thronged with idle visitors, who will not move on, but prefer to contemplate vaguely the wonders about them. His favourite shops are packed with people turning over the so-called knick-knacks that have usurped the place of books, his most reliable assistants are at their wits' end, and have no time to advise him. It is not everyone who has sufficient strength of will to obey the injunction to "feel a feeling that I feel we all feel," and take part in the holiday mood.

But this year the unsympathetic man of business may go about unhindered and unruffled. The shops are not more than comfortably full, the main streets are crowded, but merely because they are too narrow for the life of a metropolis, and because the roadway is always up at the wrong time. The theatres are without the audiences who will applaud anything that is bright and pretty, and will sit for three hours in a mass of hot and damp humanity lest they should miss a pleasure that comes once or twice only in a twelvemonth. It is as well that someone should gain from this state of things, since it is now past prevention, but the beneficiary has to remember, like the lover in Arnold's poem, that "that one moment I would eternalise, ten thousand others gladly see end." The loss of the majority of the country visitors to many of the Sydney shopkeepers will be incalculable. They will be deprived of a period of briskness of trade, which the experience of many years has taught them to provide for, and to look upon as certain. Many of those who are accustomed to look for casual employment will be deprived of a sum of money which they had come to look upon as a regular part of their year's earnings. The small shopkeepers who do not depend on visitors will be driven to despair, not because their customers are not at hand, but because they have no money to spend. And the loss will not be felt by those only who have goods to sell, nor will it be measurable in money. The dislocation of traffic and the scarcity of employment will deprive many residents in the country of a holiday trip which has become a necessary part of their equipment for a year's work. A good many of us during the last few weeks of hot days and damp north-easters have come to the view that one of Sydney's highest claims to admiration is the ease with which one can get away from it. But in the west, the north, and the north-west, "Oh, to be somewhere by the sea" is the universal supplication. Sydney gives to the dwellers in these parched and sleepless regions a good deal more than colour and variety. It gives them comparatively cool nights, sea-bathing, and the finest of all tonics, the surf. It is to them a small consolation that in the country towns this Christmas will be brisk beyond expectation, that the local storekeepers will gain a small portion of the harvest lost to Sydney. Perhaps it will do some New South Welshmen no harm to learn that Christmas can be spent with some comfort at home. A single experience may show them the value of a family reunion which has almost been forgotten.

But that is a lesson which can be commended only to the inhabitants of the south, the districts which are sought by many of the holiday-makers among us. The climate, the cause of most of our blessings, and most of our disasters, has perverted Christmas from its ancient uses in most parts of this State. Christmas has become more of a holiday than an occasion of reunion, and, like most holidays, it is spent by those who can in the open air. We are still in our entertainments, in spite of all differences of environment, a suburb of London. We get our ideas of literature from London and New York. Our holidays, however, have become essentially Australian, and the national mood is to consider as a holiday every day which is not spent in work. Hence it appears that, notwithstanding the annual invasion of Christmas cards, we have abolished most of the traditional ceremonies. Yet it cannot be said that Christmas has lost its character as the festival of reunion. People who have always been able to satisfy their gregarious instincts by living in cities or in homes go away in order that they may better appreciate their lot. But the others, the sons who have walked towards the horizon in search of a fortune, show their sense of loss by returning whenever they can. Australians have for many good reasons gained a reputation for guarding family life less carefully than either the English or the French. But in reality their freedom from the great Public-school traditions gives them a much firmer hold on it. They have been driven to cultivate variety, and with it a sense of home life of which the English of the wealthier classes know nothing, and which is all the better for occasional relaxation. The firmness with which this sense is retained is shown by the eagerness with which wanderers return, and by the envy of those who are exiles and have no homes to go to. And Christmas here, without its snow and its orgies of feasting, retains in full force its character as a time of goodwill to all men. Men who are leaving the confidence of youth realise the fallacy of allowing any enmity to remain unhealed, and the wisdom of Johnson's injunction to keep their friendships in repair. In this annual assize of conduct they are convinced of the truth that—

From quiet homes and first beginning,
Out to the undiscovered ends,
There's nothing worth the wear of winning,
But laughter and the love of friends.

The Dean of Newcastle's advice, that there should be a truce at this season, was condemned as impracticable by those best qualified to judge. But he was right in his view that an occasion when men's hearts are disposed to kindness should not be neglected, that the opponents should be given that best chance of reconciliation which comes from the consideration of opposite points of view.

To-day's "Herald."—Sir Henry Lucy has an interesting paragraph or two this week about the "doomed Budget," and his "Life in London" (page 5) is otherwise full of pleasant gossip. He gives chapter and verse for Lord Randolph Churchill's remark "I forgot Goschen," upon which Mr. Winston Churchill has been pleased to cast some doubt. Our special London correspondent writes this week upon "Music in London" (page 5), and his account of the stars and symphonies is well worth reading by all who are interested in the world of music. We are reminded that the birth of one of the greatest of British statesmen will be celebrated shortly, by an article on "The Gladstone Centenary" (page 5). The writer has brought the points of a wonderful career to a focus very successfully, and the result is timely. Specially appropriate at this season is the Rev. J. E. Carruthers' contribution on "The Union of the Churches" (page 5). Professor Macmillan Brown is represented this week by the fourth of his South American series of interesting articles on "The Land of the Incas" (page 6), and his story of the vanishing and vanished civilisations is full of meat for the student as well as the layman. Our other special features are thoroughly up to the mark.

Population of Australia.—A return just issued by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics shows that the estimated population of Australia increased during the three months from June 30 to September 30 by 36,818 persons, the total at the latter date being 4,346,444. During the period under review New South Wales gained 10,728, Victoria 7647, Queensland 4339, Western Australia 2206, and South Australia 1915, while Tasmania, the solitary State which shows a decrease, shows 17 fewer persons than at the end of the previous quarter. It is also significant that while the total decrease is only 17, Tasmania lost altogether 149 males, reducing the total by a gain of 132 females.

Rural Roads.—During 1909 extensive works have been carried out by the Public Works Department in connection with roads leading to and through closer settlement areas in the North Coast districts. The contracts in hand at the beginning of the year totalled £6213. Since then further contracts have been let to the extent of £34,234, while others amounting to £2965 have been received, and are at present under consideration. Prior to January 1 last £34,349 had been expended on these works, while the expenditure since that date amounts to £29,092, making the total outlay £63,441. The contracts at present in hand amount to £22,600, and further contracts are now being prepared.

Coal-loading at Port Kembla.—In view of the approaching completion of the Port Kembla Harbour, it is understood that the engineers of the Works Department have in hand plans for a modern jetty for coal-loading, which will embody the latest improvements and secure a maximum of rapidity of loading, coupled with a minimum of injury to the coal. Such a jetty would take the place of the present jetties leased to private companies, and now rapidly approaching the end of their useful life.

Progress in Fiji.—According to Mr. Eyre Hutson, Colonial Secretary at Fiji, the island colony is making good progress. There are signs of development in many directions, but chiefly in the expansion of sugar and banana cultivation. These, with copra, are the chief products of the island. The Government has in contemplation the improvement of the harbour and wharf accommodation. The health of the white residents is uniformly good, and malaria is practically unknown. It is understood that early in the new year there will be a re-arrangement of the duties of the High Commissioner, several of which will be transferred to the Colonial Secretary.

Undismayed Campers.—All day yesterday and up to a late hour last night the Central Railway Station and other places whence campers set out for their Christmas holidays were full of human interest. Undeterred by the prospect of wet holidays bands of young men and many family parties were to be seen carrying tents and the other impedimenta of campers. The trains to Cowan, Berowra, Hawkesbury, Woy Woy, Tuggerah, and Lake Macquarie were crowded, and an equally large number went to the southern coastal resorts. The mountain trains were well filled, and all the hotels, coffee palaces, and boarding-houses should be packed. Thousands went to Middle Harbour, North Harbour, Manly, Narrabeen, Mona Vale, Bayview, Newport, and Barranjoey. Most of the campers seemed to have prepared for wet weather, which tests the camp-craft of young Australia in a way rarely experienced at Christmas time. There were plenty of complaints about the overcrowding of trains, but good humour and an evident intention to make the best of a limited accommodation were manifested on the whole.

Earthquake Felt at Sydney.—The officer in charge of the Sydney Observatory, Mr. W. E. Raymond, says that an important earth tremor was recorded shortly before midnight on Wednesday. It commenced at 10.53 p.m. on that day, reached its maximum 16 minutes later, with an amplitude of 2 millimetres, and ended at 12.14 on Thursday morning.

Spielers on the Trains.—In course of a letter "Traveller" writes:—"On Tuesday I left Sydney by train for a town on the western line. After passing Strathfield a youth brought into view a pack of cards, and a man sitting opposite asked for a friendly game of euchre. Immediately two others joined in. 'When the third or fourth hand had been dealt one of the party reckoned he had a good 'poker' hand, and desired to back it for a 'couple of bob.' The game was 'bluff poker.' Well, the bluffing went on until one raised the amount fifteen sovereigns. This had the effect of blocking the one following on, and he appealed to several passengers to put in a 'couple of quid' to back the 'dead cert.' He looked despairingly to each individual, but no one ventured. Eventually the 'bluffer' consented to take out enough to allow the youth to have 'a sight,' and the youth won—apparently. When the youth downed his hand the 'bluffer' didn't show his hand—he was beaten, so he said—and the other raked in the coin. Now, had anyone ventured to back the youth's hand—four kings and ace of spades—the bluffer was waiting with a 'routine flush.'" Our correspondent adds that three of these men are spielers forming a set of confederates, who travel on the trains robbing the unwary.

The Telephone and the State.—"The great patient public of European countries have little idea of the extent to which they have been deprived of the most rapid means of communication in existence by Government monopoly and political interference," says "The Times" weekly edition of October 8. "The real telephone question of the day is the virtual suppression of the telephone throughout Europe by the exercise of Government monopoly. In what degree the telephone has been suppressed in Europe and its usefulness denied to the public of European countries cannot be told by figures alone, but figures can illustrate strikingly the wide difference between the development of the telephone in America and in Europe. In all Europe, with some 400 millions of population, there were at the beginning of 1909 approximately 2,300,000 telephones. In the United States, with 80 millions of population, there were at the same date nearly 7,000,000 telephones. America, with one-fifth the population of Europe, thus has three times as many telephones as Europe, and in proportion to population there are 15 telephones in America to one in Europe. Working under very limited powers, and subject to constant political interference and obstruction, the National Telephone Company has developed a large and growing telephone service in this country—a service far better equipped and organised than that of most Continental countries, certainly infinitely superior in every way to that of our nearest Continental neighbour, France, which has rejoiced in Government monopoly for 20 years."

"A Scotchman" writes eulogising the character of the free Christmas entertainment given by the Salvation Army.

SIR GEORGE REID.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS LATER.

"SETTLING DOWN" A PRELIMINARY.

Sir George Reid returned to Sydney yesterday. While in Melbourne he had a general conversation with the Prime Minister respecting the office of the High Commissionership. Sir George says he will not make any staff appointments until he has settled down in his new position.

FAREWELL TO EAST SYDNEY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF EAST SYDNEY.

(FAVOURED BY THE "SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.")

Ladies and Gentlemen.—I have to-day forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives a letter resigning my seat as member for East Sydney, in view of the fact that I have accepted the duty of representing Australia in London.

I have been the choice of East Sydney, or King Division, in the State or Federal Parliament since 1880, taking part in 15 contested elections, with a short break in my service, which occurred more than a quarter of a century ago. Severance of this life-long connection with East Sydney is the most painful wrench of all.

Face to face with so many memories of constant and loyal support—always infinitely beyond my efforts at requital—feelings of gratitude spring to life that make words seem poor indeed.

In the new sphere of public service to which I have been called it will be my duty—and I hope to fulfil it honestly—to represent every part of this great country with impartial devotion, yet I would be something less than a man if I could ever forget the battles you have fought and won for me, the battles I have fought and won, or tried to win, for you.

Thousands of my friends have passed away—thousands more have passed from manhood into old age—from childhood or youth into mature years—many thousands were unborn when I began my Parliamentary career. To all, a thousand thanks.

Your faithful servant,
G. H. REID.

Denman-chambers, Dec. 24.

PERSONAL.

Every head of department in the Sydney Municipal Council assembled in the Lord Mayor's room at noon yesterday, when Mr. T. H. Nesbitt, town clerk, voicing the sentiments of his colleagues, conveyed their very best wishes to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. He trusted that the New Year might develop into one of strenuous work, similar to that which was just ending, that like results would follow, and that at the close there would be something to show for their loyalty and work. The Lord Mayor reciprocated the kindly sentiments expressed by the staff through the Town Clerk, and wished the officers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

A social gathering was held by the staff of the State Children Relief oard at the A.B.C. Rooms, Pitt-street, on Thursday evening last, to felicitate Mr. A. W. Green, boarding-out officer, on the attainment of his official silver jubilee. Mr. J. Wing, senior inspector, presided, and in proposing the health of the guest eulogised Mr. Green's efforts in his administrative capacity on behalf of the children of the State during his 25 years' continuous service under the board. Mr. Turner, on behalf of the depot staff, and Mr. Connolly, on behalf of the farm home staff at Mittagong, supplemented his remarks.

Mr. Eyre Hutson, Colonial Secretary in the Government of Fiji, was a passenger by the steamer Manapouri, which sailed last evening for Suva direct. Mr. Hutson has held this appointment for 15 months, and prior to that held a similar position in the Bermudas. While in Melbourne Mr. Hutson sat as a member of a conference convened to consider the question of the establishment of a wireless system of telegraphy in the Western Pacific. He remarked yesterday that if a wireless system were installed it would simplify greatly the work of the High Commissioner, in keeping in touch with the outlying islands under his control.

At the offices of Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., yesterday afternoon Mr. J. A. Carpenter, manager of the company's Cairns branch, was presented with a silver tea service by Colonel Burns, M.L.C., on behalf the board of directors, as a souvenir on the occasion of his approaching marriage, and in recognition of many years' service. Mr. Carpenter has been in the service of the company for the past 12 years, and before his appointment of manager at Cairns held a similar position for five years at Samarai, Papua. After the ceremony Mr. P. G. Black, chief inspector, on behalf of the Cairns staff of Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., presented Mr. Carpenter with some pieces of silverware.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Hardy was carried out at Rookwood yesterday, and was largely attended. Rev. H. J. Rose, M.A., conducted a service at Idalia, Homebush-road, Strathfield, and the remains were afterwards conveyed by road to the Necropolis. At the graveside the service was conducted by Rev. C. J. Prescott, M.A., assisted by Rev. J. G. Middleton and Rev. Dr. George Brown. Other ministers of the Methodist Church were present, and there was a representative attendance of friends of the deceased gentleman, his family, and the firm which he founded many years ago. The chief mourners were Messrs. Arthur, Walter, and John P. Hardy (sons), Rev. C. E. James, Messrs. O. Paine and J. M. Arnott (sons-in-law), A. J., H., and A. Kelynack (nephews), J. A. and O. James (grandsons), and most of the firm's employees.

As Mr. E. B. Resch, Consul for the Netherlands at Sydney, will be absent from his post for about a year and a half, Mr. Edmund Resch, jun., will act in his place.

VICTORIAN TELEPHONES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

DETAILS OF PROFITS.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The Postmaster-General (Sir John Quick) has made available for publication the telephone accounts furnished by the inquiry committee (Messrs. Holmes and Whitton), and on which the committee is basing its report on the service. In Victoria in 1901 there were only eight telephone networks, namely:—Metropolitan, and those at Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Echuca, Hamilton, Queenscliff, and Warrnambool. The capital value was £99,565. Now there were 38 exchanges, with a capital value of £431,253 17s 3d. The net profits or losses of the whole system in Victoria since the establishment of federation were shown by the committee to be as follows:—1901, four months only, profit £5484; 1901-2, full year, profit £22,254; 1902-3, profit £20,945; 1903-4, profit £24,554; 1904-5, profit £20,778; 1905-6, profit £22,489; 1906-7, profit £25,603; 1907-8, profit £8497; 1908-9, loss £7788.

The revenue of the metropolitan telephone system in 1901-2 totalled £56,733, but by last year it had risen to £92,959. The working expenses, however, grew from £36,692 in 1901-2 to £100,454; the profit of £20,041 in the former year being turned into a loss of £7495 for the last financial year. The net profit made in the metropolitan system since the beginning of federation was shown to be £124,514.

The total profits on the whole telephone system of Victoria for the eight years and a half since federation was established were £150,579. The net profit, after allowing for the loss of £7788 in 1908-9, was £142,790.

A WOMAN WITH A GRIEVANCE.

EJECTED FROM VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Thoughts of the achievements of English suffragists in disturbing the peace of the British House of Parliament were recalled last night by the sight of a woman haranguing a group of members in the lobbies at State Parliament House. While being dragged from the premises by several police constables and attendants she managed to deliver an oration upon the rights of women. Her last words as she disappeared into the outer darkness were a declaration of independence of all Parliaments and an assertion of her rights as a respectable woman possessing a vote. It appears that the woman had a grievance regarding an area of land in Kinglake district, over which she had held a grazing lease. She had been haunting the lobbies for several days importuning and threatening members.

CHRISTMAS SEASON.

IN THE CITY.

This year it is Christmas—with a difference. It is the season of "peace and goodwill," and most of the accepted tokens are abroad; but notwithstanding all the colour and all the cheery greetings there strikes across the conviviality a shadow that has pathetically little to do with either goodwill or peace. We have a skeleton at our feast this year. Many, unfortunately, have the skeleton without the feast. This one is marked to go down to history as the Strike Christmas.

And in some sort there was a dismal appropriateness about the setting of this Christmas Eve. Our summer skies for the most part stand the symbol of consummate happiness, but yesterday they withdrew their smiles, and we had that most curious of all things Australian—a wet Yuletide. For once we were the mock of the newcomer, who asked facetiously about "sunny New South Wales," and there was little virtue about the whole business beyond that the damp underfoot and the trickle of rain down the back of his neck served to remind that same facetious newcomer of what he calls his cheery Christmases at home.

However, notwithstanding the skeleton in the background and the wet woodblocks in the foreground, the people as a whole, according to their wont, made the best of a bad job, and wrung enjoyment from the very jaws of grudging circumstance. It would be hard to imagine a cataclysm that could utterly spoil an Australian holiday. So yesterday saw the inauguration of a "festive" season in spite of everything—even in spite of the proscription by the City Council of the time-honoured bushes up against the verandah posts. It was proved that a good Christmas needs no bush, anyhow.

The business people had looked forward to an extremely dull time—in fact, a record at the wrong end of the scale. But they seem to have left out of their calculations the buoyancy of the Australian spirit. Everyone of them spoken to yesterday expressed a surprised gratification at the way things had turned out. It is not going to prove a record Christmas at one end of the scale or the other; but from a business point of view it is going to prove a remarkably good Christmas.

There was not the usual complement of country cousins, but there was a big complement, nevertheless. The dislocated train arrangements of the earlier part of the month had caused thousands to give up the idea of their customary city trip; but the readjustment of the timetables for the holidays enabled a great number to come to town, and the extra trains of yesterday itself brought a big sun-tanned stream to the metropolis. As for the suburbanites, there was also a special holiday service of trains on all lines, and these facilitated the transport to and fro of an army of diminutive sightseers and Santa Clauses in disguise.

Of course the people most concerned in Christmas Eve are the youngsters; though a glance round the shops yesterday made it difficult to understand just when a man or woman ceases to be a youngster in this regard. "Just out to show the kids the things in the windows, you know," they say unblushingly—the brother lie to that of the man who takes "the kid" to the circus, and is too interested in the lady bareback rider to notice that the youngster is most uncomfortably asleep across his knee. The windows were certainly worth a tour of them by both young youngsters and old youngsters. They have never before been bedecked with such an alluring array of presentable things. And the toy departments of the big stores were simply a succession of breath-taking novelties.

The complicated spirit of to-day has entered the nursery as everywhere else in the world. The day of the good old rag doll and trusty wooden horse has departed, and the age of the model aeroplane and the doll that undresses and puts itself to bed is here. It isn't altogether the fault of the makers that the simple old toys of our childhood have been ousted. They have merely met an imperative demand. A shopwalker in one of the big stores told yesterday of a youngster of six or seven summers, with bulging forehead and wearing spectacles, who was asked by his aunt if he would like a certain clock-work train, that would have simply driven wild with delight a boy of his grandfather's day. He hardly glanced at it twice, and remarked as he turned away: "It's rather childish, don't you think, aunt?"

The toy department of most of the stores were well filled during the afternoon and evening, although the business people aver that the strike has had some effect upon the takings that would have been recorded in the ordinary course of events. But though a slump was noticeable in the community generally, there were comparatively few who could resist the call to bring a little extra joy into the hearts of the youngsters. The cruellest part of the whole thing was that the only children that suffered were those who were most in need of a little happiness—those of the poor worker out of a job. There is no more poignant tragedy in the world than that of "the empty stocking" on Christmas morn; and if the promoters of that ghastly piece of futility, the coal strike, could but look into the aching little hearts in hundreds of workers' homes this morning they would learn a greater lesson than that which all the schools of political and industrial thought could ever teach.

The carol services have always been a pleasing feature of Christmastide at St. Andrew's Cathedral, and the bright selection rendered last night, after a brief service, appeared to be much appreciated. The dominant note throughout the carols was one of peace and joy, and this idea was brightly typified in the numbers sung by the choir, entitled, "The Anthem of Peace," "A Wondrous Sight," and "Holy Night." The popular favourite, "The First Nowell," was given with heartiness, and in the carols "Come to the Manger" (set to music by Mr. Massey), "'Twas in the Days When Caesar Ruled," "On Christmas Morn," and "Good Christian People All," the choir sang with excellent expression and feeling. At the conclusion of the carols a short service of preparation for the Christmas communion was held.

The Christian Endeavour choir, conducted by Mr. J. J. Virgo, with their 200 voices, rendered Christmas carols and selections from the "Messiah" in the Pitt-street Congregational Church last evening.

A glance at the wards of the Royal Hospital for Women, Glenmore-road, Paddington, left no doubt as to the intentions of the management and staff to bring to the patients as close as possible the joys of Christmastide. Colours bright, yet soft, had been chosen to decorate the wards, and a peep at them revealed scenes of fairylike beauty. Material cheer was by no means overlooked, and those whose condition would permit have plenteous Christmas fare provided. The ladies' committee had also undertaken to provide each mother with a present. Pointing to a large pile of miniature frocks and other clothing, the matron remarked that the babies were not to be overlooked. These were presents from the nurses, who had, in what spare time there was at their disposal, been plying their needles, and the result of their kindly industry was the production of garments such as would delight the mothers and be useful to the children. The nurses have also constituted themselves into a choir, so that they might bring further comfort to their charges. Where it is possible for discipline to be judiciously released the patients will have full benefit, and to this end provision has been made that each may entertain at least one friend to afternoon tea.

At the Women's Hospital, Crown-street, there was an air yesterday which told of Christmas. Wards were being decorated, and the matron had added to the responsibilities incident to her office the supervision of the many details that crop up on such occasions. By the kindness of friends gifts had rolled in, and the secretary's office had been transformed from its usual business-like state to one closely resembling a stall at a fancy bazaar. There had been a lot done by this hospital towards lightening the burdens of sufferers which did not meet the eye, for in many a poverty-stricken home it had sent nurses to minister to the sick, to whom was brought some message for which Christmas stands. At the hospital itself each mother will receive a gift, and the commissariat department has been busy making provision for the supply of seasonable delicacies.

The sisters at St. Vincent's Hospital have been exercising their artistic talents in decorating the wards. A different scheme was adopted for each ward, which is made beautiful and bright by the graceful disposition of art muslin, with here and there a cheering motto worked in. Special arrangements have been made to enable patients to receive visitors, and everywhere there are signs that Christmas is upon us. For those whom the medical staff have not excluded from the eating of strong foods is an abundance of these things which contribute to material enjoyment, while others will be provided with delicacies suited to their condition.

The Settlement Mission connected with Whitefield's, Devonshire-street, held its weekly meeting for mothers on Tuesday afternoon, when, after the usual programme of speech and song, good cheer in the form of Christmas dinners for 60 poor families was dispensed, and hearty wishes expressed for the New Year.

At St. Paul's, Redfern, on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Boyce entertained at the Rectory poor women connected with the Hudson-street Mission Hall, in the parish, and each was given a parcel of groceries. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Neville and friends entertained 136 women at the Rosehill-street Mission Hall, and distributed 110 parcels of provisions. On Thursday, at the Rectory, recommendations for food were given to the Benevolent Asylum to families, which numbered, with children, 140 persons. Yesterday it was difficult in the morning to manage the crowd at the Rectory door. Grocery orders were given to families covering 524 persons.

The comforts of the blind workers employed at the Sydney Industrial Blind Institution have been well looked after by the committee. At the "breaking up" for the holidays the cash prizes won at the annual sports meeting were presented, the gold medal given by the manager being won by J. Taylor, who thus holds for 1909-10 the cup presented by Sir Robert Lucas-Tooth for the champion of the institution. In addition to their usual weekly wages each worker received a Christmas present, bonuses, etc., in cash, the total distributed amounting to £116, the highest amount received by any single worker being £12, the second highest £6 7s 6d, presented as a jubilee bonus to the worker having served 20 years. The other workers received amounts varying from 30s to 15s, the married men also receiving in addition a parcel of groceries to the value of 10s each. Through the kindness of the Government no less than 49 of the blind received free passes to enable them to visit their friends in the country, and this, with the extreme generosity of the committee, will enable them to thoroughly enjoy their Christmas holidays, which last until the 3rd proximo.

EASTERN COAST LINE.

HARBOURS AND RIVERS.

WORKS IN HAND CONTEMPLATED.

The Department of Public Works has been pursuing a vigorous policy during the year. The importance of the growing trade on the Richmond River has been recognised, and steps have been taken in the direction of improving the navigation.

At the entrance, the southern breakwater was extended for a further length of 120ft, which, as the end of the wall is now in fairly deep water, involves the tipping of a very large quantity of stone. The channel in the vicinity of Lismore has been greatly improved by the removal of a large quantity of sand, a work which is very tedious on account of the great height of the river banks at this place, and the necessity of lifting on to them the whole of the sand dredged from the bed of the river, it being out of the question to remove it by towing by reason of the great distance which the material would have to be conveyed before it could be deposited in the river bed without danger of becoming a new obstruction to navigation. Further down the river, arrangements have been made to deal with some of the shallowed patches which have been a hindrance to navigation for a long time, and suitable depots for the deposition of the dredgings have been established.

A great improvement has been made at Port Kembla. The eastern breakwater has been extended about 340ft, and the huge blocks of stone are now being tipped in a depth of 55ft of water. In a recent south-easterly gale, which was one of the most severe experienced on the coast for some time, the range inside the harbour was very small indeed, and there is every indication that this port will, on completion, fulfil all anticipations as to safety and convenience. The new jetty constructed by the Works Department for unloading ores, etc., has been completed, with suitable moorings, and it is intended to erect a high-speed electric crane thereon to facilitate loading and unloading operations. It is proposed to erect a modern jetty for coal-loading, which will embody the latest improvements.

Although things are very quiet at Newcastle at present, the renewal of the coal trade will find matters at the port considerably improved from the navigator's point of view as compared with conditions formerly. During the year the southern and inner south breakwater was repaired, and submarine rock excavation in the inner basin continued, about 27,000 tons of rock having been removed. When this channel from the outer harbour to the inner basin is completed it will have a width of 450ft and a depth of 25ft at low water. The reclamation of the north end of Carrington was also proceeded with.

A new wharf, 1200ft in length, on the south side of the basin, near Merewether-street, was completed during the year, and two extensive cargo sheds, 150ft by 50ft, are now in course of construction. A new wharf was also constructed at Hexham, and repairs effected to a number of other wharves at Newcastle. The navigable channel has been kept clear of shoals, and the original shoals of boulders at Stoney Point, carrying 22½ft on lines of leading towers and green beacons, have been removed to a depth of 25ft; in addition, the Regent Murray wreck has been broken up and removed. The channel through the Tomago Rocks (near Hexham) has been increased in width by 70ft, and is now 150ft wide by 14ft deep at low water spring tides.

The rapidly-increasing trade dealt with at Byron Bay, Woolgoolga, and Coff's Harbour jetties has justified special attention being paid to those structures by the Works Department, and in the case of Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour very extensive repairs have been carried out during the past year. The water supply on the jetty at Woolgoolga has been improved, and a new crane erected, while at Coff's Harbour great improvements have been effected to the tram-line, and a new cargo shed has been erected. With regard to Byron Bay, still more extensive improvements are contemplated, chiefly in the direction of extending and widening the jetty, and tenders for this work will be invited in a few days, arrangements for the supply of the timber having already been made. It is understood that modern loading appliances will be introduced here on the completion of the extensions to the jetty.

During the recent inquiry by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works into the proposed extension of the South Coast railway, which project it may be mentioned was rejected, it was stated that the chief engineer for harbours and water supply had made a special visit of inspection to the South Coast jetties at Merimbula, Bermagui, Tathra, and Eden, with a view to ascertaining to what extent the facilities at those ports could be improved. It is only those who have either resided upon the south coast, south of the railway terminus at Nowra, or who have had occasion to visit the district by steamer, who will realise what these jetties represent to the south coast producers and traders. As a result of the chief engineer's visit, improvements are now contemplated at each of the jetties named above, either in the direction of improved wharfage space, or additional storage accommodation, and in some cases both.

ACCIDENT TO MAIL COACH.

CASINO, Friday.

The Casino-Kyogle mail coach met with a serious accident on the road to Kyogle. One of the hind wheels collapsed, throwing the passengers and luggage out. Jarrett, a passenger from Brisbane, had one of his thighs broken, and several others were severely shaken.

TO-DAY.

Town Hall: Miss Kate Rooney, 8.
Rickards' Dinner: Town Hall.
Church Services: 7, 8, 9, 9.45, 10.15, 11, 7.15.
Criterion: Christmas Musical Festival, 8.
National Amphitheatre: Moving Pictures, 8.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 8.
Zoological Gardens and Aquarium: 10.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures, 2.30 and 8.
Spencer's Theatrescope: Lyceum, 8.
Fairyland Trip: No. 7 Jetty, Circular Quay, 10.15.
Maori Village: Clontarf, 2 to 10.
Sculling Contest: Fort Macquarie, 3.30.
Unitarian Church, Hyde Park: Recital, 8.
Jerdan's Bioscope: Rushcutter Bay Reserve, 8.
Conference Hall: Sacred Concert, 7.30.
Congregational Church: Christmas Carols, 8.
Fullerton Memorial, Surry Hills: Concert, 8.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 2 to 10.
Wesley Church, Regent-street: Pictures, 8.

Commencing Sunday, the ordinary Sunday services will be restored on all city and suburban tramway lines, with the exception of North Sydney, on which special time-table connecting with ferry boats will be run. It is also notified that commencing Saturday, 25th instant, George-street trams will stop at intersection of Hay and George streets, instead of Campbell and George streets. On the Kensington line an improved service will be run between 7 and 9.30 a.m. and 4 and 7.30 p.m.

In connection with the holidays workmen's fares will be cancelled on all tramway lines. Week-day time-tables will be run with slight alterations in the morning and evening services on Christmas Day, and improved services on all lines on Boxing Day, when a service will also be run to the Randwick Racecourse from Circular Quay, railway, and western suburbs.

There is to hand the Christmas number of the "Australasian Photo. Review." It contains much matter of interest to camera-workers, is admirably illustrated, and its typography is excellent.

We have received a calendar for 1910 from the National Insurance Company.

The tender of the Western Electric Company (Aust.), Ltd., 103 Pitt-street, has been accepted for the supply, delivery, and erection of a lamp signalling single supervision switchboard, with meters, for the Edgecliff Post-office at a cost of [illegible].

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NAVAL DEFENCE.

ACTIVITY OF GERMANY.

COMPARISON WITH BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Lord Cawdor, who was First Lord of the Admiralty in 1905, states that while the expenditure of Germany on new ships nearly trebled between 1904 and 1910—from £4,644,000 to £12,100,000—the expenditure of Great Britain was reduced from £13,508,000 in 1904 to £8,600,000 in 1908, and to £10,256,000 in 1909.

CANADA MAKES A START.

RUSH FOR POSITIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Canada has purchased the British cruiser Rainbow as a training ship for operations in the Pacific. She is negotiating for a second larger warship for use on the Atlantic Coast.

Many applications have already been lodged for positions in the Canadian navy.

"TINPOT NAVY" DEPRECATED.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENTS PROTEST.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, and Mr. Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick, speaking in their respective Parliaments, favoured the contribution by Canada of Dreadnoughts to the Imperial Navy, and deprecated "a tinpot Canadian fleet."

The Conservative Opposition of the Saskatchewan Provincial Parliament moved as a recommendation to the Dominion Parliament that at least one Dreadnought be contributed, but the supporters of the Ministry defeated the motion.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Sir Robert Perks, M.P. (Liberal), and Mr. J. Ward, M.P. (Labour), have joined the newly-reorganised Navy League.

THE BELGIAN KING.

STATE ENTRY INTO BRUSSELS.

CONGO POLICY DECLARED.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

King Albert of the Belgians made his State entry into Brussels to-day.

The King was accorded a great reception in the streets.

During the ceremony of taking the oath in the Chamber of Deputies attempts were made by the Socialists to raise a demonstration against the Monarchy, but they were dissipated by cheers for the King.

The speech from the Throne paid a tribute to the late King Leopold's work in Africa. Having done this, the King added: "The nation wishes a policy of humanity and progress in the Congo. Belgium always keeps her word, and engages to apply to the Congo a policy worthy of her. None have a right to doubt her good faith."

Sir Edward Grey, speaking at Berwick on December 15, said that the question of the Congo would not be settled until that State was placed in the hands of a Government elected and responsible to a free people. He added that Great Britain was waiting in the hope and expectation that the Congo would receive the treatment that all civilised countries gave their colonies.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

COMMANDER PEARY'S AMBITION.

STARS AND STRIPES NORTH AND SOUTH.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Commander Peary, responding to the toast of his health at a banquet in New York, said that a fitting sequence to his discovery of the North Pole would be the organisation of an expedition, based on his personal methods, and directed towards the South Pole.

If that were done, Commander Peary declared, there would be the possibility of the Stars and Stripes waving at both ends of the world's axis.

Commander Peary was asked if, in the event of such an expedition being arranged, he intended to lead it. He replied that he would be prepared to assist in the organisation.

WRONG MAN MURDERED.

INDIAN ASSASSIN'S MISTAKE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Kanare, who fatally shot Mr. A. Jackson, Collector at Nasik, a seditious centre in the Bombay Presidency, while at the theatre, is a Brahmin.

He came from Aurangabad intending to commit the murder. He alleged that Mr. Jackson sentenced Savarkas, a Brahmin, to penal servitude for sedition, whereas the sentence was not imposed by Mr. Jackson, but by the Judge at the Sessions.

GALES IN BRITAIN.

THE ROSTREVOR SAFE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The steamer Rostrevor, owned by the London and North-Western Railway, which had been missing in the Irish Sea during the recent gale, has arrived in port.

POISONING IN CALCUTTA.

VICEROY'S STAFF RECOVERING.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Calcutta correspondent of the "Chronicle" states that the members of the staff of the Viceroy, Lord Minto, who had been poisoned from ptomaine in milk, are recovering.

STEEL CORPORATION.

BONUS AMONG EMPLOYEES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The American Steel Corporation is distributing a bonus of 2,000,000 dollars among the employees.

Sixty per cent. of the bonus will be distributed in cash, and 40 per cent. in stock.

A FATAL ORGIE.

TRAGEDY IN HOTEL CELLAR.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Four labourers while working in a cellar of an hotel at Wigan, Lancashire, broached a cask of brandy, and all died from over-indulgence in the liquor.

Money advanced upon all Securities. N.S.W. Mont de Piete D. and I. Co., Ltd., 74 Castlereagh-street, 74, Sydney, and 17 Hunter-street, Newcastle. Eustace Bennett, G. Mgr.—Advt.

ENGLISH ELECTIONS.

POLLING DAY, JANUARY 15.

VOTING STRENGTH OF THE KINGDOM.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Official writs for the election of members of the House of Commons will be issued on January 10.

The returns in connection with candidates who are unopposed are to be in on January 14. Borough pollings have been fixed for January 15, and country pollings for January 19. The entire poll will be practically completed by February 1.

According to the new register, the voters in England and Wales number 6,221,722, in Scotland 785,208, and in Ireland 698,787.

The borough electors number 3,002,873, and the county electors 4,654,690. Owners number 640,882, occupiers 6,717,059, lodgers 275,648, freemen 23,974, and University voters 48,154.

SHARP TACTICS ALLEGED.

PRESS ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT.

The "Daily Mail" and the "Standard," in leading articles, accuse the Government of sharp tactics in allowing January 8 to be announced as the date for the issue of the writs, and then suddenly altering it at the last moment to January 10.

The journals mentioned state that Radical agents were doubtless forewarned of the change, but that Conservatives had been allowed to waste much money on useless printing, and in the hiring of halls for meetings on the eve of the election.

It is further complained in these articles that Saturday has been fixed as the polling day, so that it will suit artisans, but not stall and shop keepers, who will be busy.

MR. BALFOUR RECOVERING.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. He will shortly be able to go out of doors.

BLOUSE MAKERS STRIKE.

NEW YORK LADIES.

BOYCOTT NON-UNION BLOUSES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

In connection with the strike of blouse-makers in New York, many ladies in that city have boycotted non-union made blouses.

The lady students of Columbia University, New York, are patrolling the strike districts preventing the arrest of strikers.

In Philadelphia, 6000 blouse-makers have struck work for higher wages and the recognition of their union.

The blouse-makers' strike started on November 25, when 20,000 girls came out in New York. They demanded shorter hours and higher wages, and the employers did make some concessions. Ladies of fashion entered the fray last week, when Mrs. Belmont, Miss Morgan, and several wealthy New York ladies joined the Blouse-makers' Union.

BUSH FIRES.

SELECTOR BURNT TO DEATH.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

WINDSOR, Friday.

Mr. Jack Lees, a selector near Upper Colo, is supposed to have been a victim of the recent bush fires, either on Tuesday or Wednesday last. When the fires appeared dangerous his wife and children removed to a neighbour's. On returning home yesterday she found the house burnt to the ground and the charred remains of a human body. It is surmised that Lees was overcome by the smoke and perished. The coroner has been notified.

NARRANDERA, Friday.

A fire broke out on the boundary of Yamina station on Monday, and swept through Goree and Atholl. Goree lost 15,000 acres of grass and 5 miles of fencing; Atholl 500 acres; Messrs. Mahoney, Hore, and Brennan being also losers. Owing to high winds, the fire travelled at a tremendous pace, and burned till Tuesday morning. Showers of rain greatly helped the men to combat the flames.

JERILDERIE, Friday.

Bush fires have been raging around these districts since Monday last, many of them, it is supposed, having been caused by lightning. Except destroying grass and fences no further damage is reported.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

BISHOP DUNNE'S COMPLAINT.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

Bishop Dunne, at the annual breakfast of the Sacred Heart school last night, once more referred to the question of Roman Catholic schools receiving State aid. The bishop said, unfortunately, Roman Catholics had to pay for the education of their children out of their own pockets. Although New South Wales had spent last year £1,085,010 on primary schools, not one penny of that sum had been given to Roman Catholic schools, yet one-quarter of the amount specified came from the pockets of the Roman Catholic section of the community. They might safely put down £270,000 as being annually raised by taxation from the Roman Catholic people. Children attending the Catholic schools were educated equally as well as those were elsewhere. They asked for freetrade in education. They claimed their rights as citizens in a democratic country. It was very strange that any people should have to suffer on account of their religious principles. If the head was educated and the heart not trained so as to provide a Christian basis, he was afraid a sad future awaited their new country. They had no notion whatever of lowering the banner of education, but would await the hour when justice might be done. Government would not inspect the Roman Catholic schools as desired. Again and again the inspection of Catholic schools had been advocated, but he supposed if that were to be done it would be acknowledging the principle under which they were acting. So even inspection was denied them.

ARRIVAL OF HACKENSCHMIDT.

WRESTLING MATCH WITH GOTCH.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

George Hackenschmidt, the famous wrestler, arrived from South Africa, accompanied by Gunner Moir as trainer and Bain as wrestling partner, by the Lund liner Wilcannia on Wednesday afternoon. He was met at Port Adelaide by Mr. E. F. Baker, of Melbourne, who while in America recently arranged a match between Hackenschmidt and Gotch to decide the wrestling championship of the world, to take place in Melbourne during January next. Now it appears that the match will fall through. Mr. Baker received a cable from Gotch some months ago that an operation on his nose had been found necessary, and that it would be 12 months before he would be able to wrestle again. Keen disappointment was depicted upon Hackenschmidt's face when Baker told him of the facts.

"That's bad news," commented Hackenschmidt; "I had been looking forward to this match." The big wrestler subsequently remarked, "That was what I really came to Australia for. In the event of Gotch not meeting me as arranged, I shall certainly claim the championship." Hackenschmidt and his party, who, in company with several vaudeville artists, will open a tour by entertainment in Melbourne Town Hall on Boxing Night, left by Thursday's train for Melbourne.

NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT.

WELLINGTON, Friday.

It was expected that Parliament would conclude its session to-day. The Opposition, however, sprung a surprise. Previously during the discussion on the Consolidated Estimates the House struck out an item of £400 for the financial adviser in London, Mr. W. P. Reeves, ex-High Commissioner. The item appeared again on the Supplementary Estimates. The Opposition set up a stonewall against the vote. Christmas Eve was spent debating the question.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

THE QUEEN'S PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

CLOTHING AND MONEY FOR DERELICTS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

During the last two evenings Queen Alexandra's agents have been at work quietly distributing clothing and money to the derelicts of the Thames Embankment.

Worsted shawls and knitted gloves were given to the women, and cardigan jackets and scarfs to the men. The Queen also caused each man and woman to be given a shilling. The recipients did not know from whence the gifts came, as the distribution was made unexpectedly from a four-wheeler.

The Queen also sent £100 to the sufferers through the great fire at the drapery establishment of Arding and Hobbs at Clapham.

CRISIS IN GREECE.

THE MILITARY LEAGUE.

CONFLICT WITH GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A serious political crisis has occurred in Athens.

The Military League of Greece sustaining the minority of the Government threatens a Dictatorship unless M. La Pathios is reinstated as Minister of War, against the wishes of the majority, who really form the Opposition.

M. La Pathios recently resigned office, after insulting the supporters of M. Theotokis and M. Rallis.

The Military League in Greece recently succeeded in having the Royal Family expelled from the army, but so far has not forced the Sovereign to abdicate. It has practically made of the Legislature a registration agency for the decrees of conspirators. The league thrust upon the Chamber an enormous scheme for raising a national army of 450,000 men, half regulars and half militia. On a previous occasion it threatened to occupy the Chamber. M. Ralli, who succeeded M. Theotokis as Premier last July, resigned after holding office a few weeks, and went out refusing to accede to the demands of the league. M. Mavromichalis was then sent for by the King, and reluctantly promised to do the will of the league. He signed the protocol accepting its terms under a threat that if he did not its soldiers would march against the capital. He had no army behind him, and was helpless. As the cable shows, the league is still in undisputed possession.

FEDERAL POLITICS.

EAST SYDNEY SEAT.

NO BY-ELECTION.

A selection of the candidates to stand in the Liberal interest for Calare, which is now represented by Mr. T. Brown (Labour), has been made. The first ballot gave Mr. H. R. M. Piggott 612 votes, Mr. Sydney Smith 554, and Mr. D. Cameron 120. No absolute majority having been obtained, the preferential votes were counted. This gave Mr. Piggott a majority of 89, the figures being—Piggott, 668; and Smith, 599. Sir George Reid yesterday sent in his resignation as member for East Sydney.

In view of the early general elections, the Minister for Defence, Mr. Cook, says it is not proposed to have a by-election either for East Sydney, or for Hindmarsh, South Australia, the latter having been represented by the late Mr. James Hutchison.

NAMOI.

WEE WAA, Friday.

The final result in the ballot for the selection of a candidate to contest the Namoi seat in the Labour interest was decided this morning, Mr. George Black being selected by two to one.

MACQUARIE.

SOFALA, Friday.

Mr. E. V. Carr, Federal member for Macquarie, is at present conducting a campaign in this locality. He spoke to a crowded house at Wattle Flat on Monday, and had a good meeting here.

THE HUME.

WAGGA, Friday.

A meeting of town and country residents decided to form a branch of the Liberal and Reform Association. Mr. Alick Smith was elected president, and G. F. Plunket secretary.

BOGGABRI, Friday.

A branch of the Liberal League has been formed here, in order to support the candidature of Mr. Patten against Mr. Webster. Mr. Webster had a good meeting on Tuesday night.

VICTORIAN LAND TAX BILL.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

During the last few weeks those members of the Legislative Assembly who voted against the second reading of the Land Tax Bill have held several meetings for the purpose of discussing the measure. Since the Ministry has threatened to fight the Legislative Council on the Land Tax Bill at the elections next year, these members have decided to form themselves into a party in order, if necessary, to take to the platform and justify before the electors their opposition to the tax proposed by the Ministry. The party contains 16 members. Mr. M'Leod has been appointed chairman. Mr. M'Leod says that he and the other members of the Legislative Assembly who constitute this new party are not actuated by any desire to embarrass the Ministry. They simply feel, he says, that if the Ministry stumps the country against the Legislative Council on the Land Tax Bill the members opposed to the Ministry on the tax must also be prepared to place before the electors their side of the question. The threats which have been directed against the Legislative Council by the Premier (Mr. Murray) and the Treasurer (Mr. Watt), and the manner in which the Ministry has accepted the support of the Labour party on this and other questions, has caused a good deal of uneasiness throughout Ministerial ranks.

NORFOLK ISLAND NEWS.

NORFOLK ISLAND, Dec. 15.

A successful concert was given in the new hall on the evening of the 29th ult., by the children of the Public school, under the direction of Mr. A. Knight and Miss Pain, the principal teachers. The object of the entertainment was to provide funds to buy a sewing machine for the school, and the result was very gratifying, the coins received at the door totalling £11.

Miss Pain, of the Public school staff, is leaving the island by this month's boat, her time having expired. Miss Pain has made many friends during her stay here, and her work among the children has been much appreciated by the parents. Among other expressions of goodwill and esteem Miss Pain was tendered a semi-public picnic at Emily Bay, which was a very big affair, the chief magistrate and the officials joining in. At this function Mr. Knight, the principal teacher, announced the best boy and girl in the senior classes, whose names will be posted on a board and handed down to posterity as Queen Victoria scholars.

The schooner May Howard (Captain C. W. Todd) sailed for Auckland on the 3rd inst. with a part cargo of fruit. The vessel is expected to return direct, but is making a long passage up, only arriving at her port yesterday.

The seaman Paul Scholkmann, who was landed here from the British ship Puritan on the 20th ult. suffering from a compound comminuted fracture of the left thigh, died from tetanus on the 3rd inst. His remains were interred in the town cemetery, Archdeacon Comins reading the service at the graveside, the chief magistrate, other officials, and a good number of the public being present. The man was a Dane—a native of Copenhagen.

A notice was posted yesterday, signed by Dr. Metcalfe, informing the public that he had sent in his resignation by the outgoing mail to his Excellency the Governor. Dr. Metcalfe has been Government medical officer here for over 30 years, and is much respected.

The weather continues very dry. The herbage is getting short, and if rain does not soon come it will go hard on stock.

Meteorological.—Weather for November: Barometer, highest on 10th, 29.908, lowest on 13th, 29.630; thermometer, maximum 78, minimum 55. Rain on five days, 1.10in. Winds, westerly 17 days, easterly 13 days.

SECOND EDITION

DREADFUL TRAGEDY.

MAN'S THROAT CUT.

CLIMBS SIX-FEET FENCE IN DEATH AGONY.

AN ADELAIDE HORROR.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

Shortly after midnight news was conveyed to the metropolitan watchhouse that a fearful tragedy had been enacted in Moonta-street, Adelaide, a small thoroughfare running between Gouger-street and Grote-street.

Constable Barry was attracted to the scene of E. A. H. Madge's bakery by loud calls of "Police, police!" On arrival he was informed of the murder of the head baker, Robert Owensworth, at the entrance of the small lane which runs at the rear of the bakehouse. Owensworth, who was prostrate in the middle of a pool of blood, presented a horrible spectacle. His throat was cut from ear to ear.

Charles Clifford Ford, who was the first to notify the police of the occurrence, made a statement that at about 20 minutes past 12 o'clock they heard a horse running down Gouger-street whinnying, and heard another horse reply. Ford and deceased ran out into Moonta-street. Owensworth said: "That's a Melbourne Cup winner." Ford replied: "Yes," and heard a man who was coming down Gouger-street say a Port Cup winner.

Ford went to the corner of George-street; then he heard Owensworth cry, "He is cutting my throat! He is cutting my throat!" Ford turned round, and saw deceased lying on the ground.

John Robins, a painter, of Field-street, was standing close by. Ford gave the alarm, and a policeman arrested Robins. After his throat had been cut the dying man struggled twenty yards in search of assistance, and climbed a 6ft fence into an adjoining yard, where he died almost immediately. He was a quiet man, 55 years old, and resided at North Adelaide. He had been employed by Mr. Madge for 25 years.

Robins made no effort to get away. He calmly walked a few yards and was intercepted by Constable Barry. He told the constable that he had cut Owensworth's throat, and was thereupon taken into custody. A small narrow-bladed blood-stained razor was found in his trousers pocket. At the police station he was unconcerned, and soon after the cell door had been closed behind him he was sleeping soundly.

Mrs. Robins told a reporter that she married her husband in 1898. Prior to that she had a child by Owensworth. Robins later on began to drink heavily, and threatened to murder his wife and her boy. He never stopped referring to Owensworth, she said, whom he called most offensive names. "I have lived the life of a dog, and my children have had a terrible time. I have five children by Robins. The youngest is one year old. Robins will be 44 years of age on Christmas Day. He is a terrible drinker. My God, what a life my dear little children and I have had."

At the inquest this afternoon on the body of Owensworth Robins was committed for trial on a charge of wilful murder. He declined to make any statement.

ANOTHER GHASTLY TRAGEDY.

JACK THE RIPPER AFFAIR.

WOMAN DONE TO DEATH AT PERTH.

PERTH, Friday.

Christmas was ushered in to-day with a diabolical murder on the cutter yacht Banshie, anchored in Swan River, near Mill Point, South Perth. A woman, aged about 50 years, whose identity is not yet positively established, was the victim. She was gashed in the abdomen in the same fashion as Jack the Ripper's victims. Her throat was also cut.

The perpetrator of the ghastly crime is alleged to be a Welshman, Thomas Henry Thomas, who is about 30 years old, and was employed as a caretaker on the boat for the last three weeks by the owner, Mr. Robert Norbert Keenan, a member of the Assembly for Kalgoorlie. Mr. Keenan had arranged for a cruise during the holidays, and went to the Royal Yacht Club this morning to meet Thomas, whom he expected to row to the jetty. After waiting nearly an hour Mr. Keenan decided to go out to the yacht.

On entering the cabin he found lying naked on the floor the body of the woman in a bath of blood.

A search by the police resulted in finding in the cabin a note in lead pencil purporting to have been written by Thomas, who, it said, after having committed the horrible deed, tied a small anchor round his neck and jumped into the river. The note was as follows:—"I committed this rash act in a moment of frenzy, whilst under the influence of drink, and you will find my body in the river just under the yacht, with a small anchor attached. Please don't look on me as a criminal, for truly I was unconscious. (Signed) J. Thomas."

LATE COMMERCIAL.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Algerian oats were quiet and steady at 1/7 to 1/11. Maize had a better demand. A little business was done at 3/6, some sellers asking a slight advance. Chaff was unchanged; oaten was quoted at 47/6 to 55/; wheaten is 52/6 to 62/6. Potatoes were dull and unchanged. New Western district brought 80/ to 85/; New Brighton Carmen, 95/ to 100/; old, 12/6 to 30/. Onions were quiet at 4/10/. Wheat was steady at 4/1 to 4/1½, with some demand for early delivery. The import markets generally were inactive. Cornsacks were quoted up to 5/9 on the spot, and 5/4½ to arrive per Hymettus. Linseed oil was firm; landing sellers now quote 4/ and 4/2 for Blundell's raw and boiled respectively in distributing lots.

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

BUTTTR SHIPMENTS INCREASED.

OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVING HERDS.

The Department of Agriculture has made a brief summary of the progress of the dairying industry during the year now ending. Referring to butter the report says:—"Despite the fact of the existence of a drought along the coastline south of Sydney, the butter exports from July 1 to November 30, 1909, show a very considerable increase on last year's figures. 96,876 boxes were exported from July 1 to November 30, 1909, as against 72,101 boxes for the same period last year, or an increase of 34 per cent. Generally speaking, an improvement has taken place, especially in the manufacture and finish of the article, so that our butter is much more presentable from a sale point of view now than it was a couple of years ago, when there were no regulations governing the conditions of export, and therefore no uniformity in the methods of marking, branding, finish, etc."

With respect to cheese it is said:—"Unfortunately, the season has seriously affected the cheese industry, and while many manufacturers had made arrangements to export cheese this season, not alone have they been compelled to forego this idea, but the supplies have fallen off so much that our local market is able to absorb more than our southern makers can turn out."

Cattle for dairying purposes have not "for many years been so cheap as at the present time. The market is overstocked, and there are many inferior cattle for sale at very low prices, and this inferior division is affecting the price of good animals. As a consequence, never probably in the history of New South Wales dairying was there a better opportunity for those starting dairy farming to secure a good class of crossbred dairy cows at very reasonable prices than there is at the present time. This is also a highly opportune time for the culling of herds by up-to-date farmers, and the supplying of the places of the culls with superior animals at a very small extra cost.

"Probably, owing to the scarcity of first-class labour for milking, the tendency of milking by machinery is a rapidly growing one, and many dairy farmers putting in improvements are now making provision for the installation of milking machines.

"There are already two or three well-known milking machines on the market, and this number has been added to within the last couple of weeks by a New Zealand invention, from which great things are expected.

"Since the strike conditions have interfered with the running of the coastal boats; the butter from the northern rivers has been coming to hand irregularly and at longer intervals than heretofore. The usual factory has not sufficient freezing accommodation to keep its butter for a week at a low temperature, and hence a good deal of the butter was affected very considerably, being tallowy on arrival here."

GETTING THE COAL.

ATTEMPT TO WORK MINE.

BURWOOD EXTENDED PREPARED.

A NON-VEND MINE.

RUMOURED FREE LABOUR.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

It has become known to-day that the Burwood Extended mine, which is situated a little beyond Dudley, and near Redhead, is being prepared for work. The mine is almost ready now, and an attempt will be made to start work on Wednesday.

The Burwood Extended colliery is owned by Messrs. Cowlishaw Bros., of Sydney, who are not associated with either the coal vend or the Colliery Proprietors' Association, but when the strike occurred their property was closed down with the rest. No dispute had occurred with the men engaged there, and it is understood that all along the owners have been prepared to work if the federation would agree to it. The federation was communicated with, but until now no agreement could be arrived at.

Some time ago the officials of the various miners' lodges throughout the district were instructed by the executive officers of the union to wait upon the mine managers at the different collieries to try to get redress of any grievances that existed individually. At the time this was looked upon as an attempt to get some of the non-vend mines to resume work. The lodges carried out these instructions, and special efforts were made to effect a settlement with those colliery owners who were in neither the proprietors' association nor the vend. Wallarah was one, and negotiations are still proceeding there between the miners and the management.

When the Burwood Extended lodge waited upon the manager of that mine all differences were settled, and later on a representative of the company waited upon the federation to endeavour to arrive at some agreement with the object of working the mine. Negotiations, however, proved fruitless, and an attempt is now to be made by the company to work without the consent of the federation. To do this they hope to persuade the men previously employed to return to work. This would mean that the latter would have to break away from the union, and although the company is sanguine of being able to make a start, it is generally believed that they will be unsuccessful. They say that there are no grievances on either side, and they can see no reason why the mine should not be allowed to work.

The Newcastle shipping manager for Burwood Extended, Mr. S. Coleman, when seen to-day, referred all inquiries to his firm's office in Sydney. He stated that there had never been any complaints of a serious nature by the men employed at the colliery, and, as a matter of fact, the company was rather surprised when the federation called the men there out on strike. Inquiries were now being made for men, and it was expected that a start would be made on Wednesday. Previous to the strike the mine had been turning out about 450 tons of coal per day, but the surface machinery was capable of handling up to 2000 tons a day.

The borehole seam runs through the property, but so far it has not been worked extensively. However, the developmental work necessary to work this seam could be carried out in a few weeks if the labour could be obtained. Operations at the time of the strike were confined to what is known as the Victoria seam. The mine is worked with machine labour, and it is rumoured that the machine men previously employed are willing to return to work. A difficulty, however, is being experienced in getting fillers.

STATEMENT BY MR. COWLISHAW.

Mr. Cowlishaw, of Cowlishaw Bros., agents for the Burwood Extended, told a representative of the "Herald" yesterday that they were ready to start working the mine whenever the miners like to go into it. "We have no grievances to settle," he said, "and we are advertising that we will resume. This will give a flat contradiction to Mr. Hughes' statement that the northern proprietors are determined that the mines shall not resume until February 5. There is the mine, and if the men are ready to come on we are ready to take them."

WESTERN MINES.

OUTPUT INCREASING.

MINERS' HANDS MUST HARDEN.

LITHGOW, Friday.

Work was proceeding steadily to-day at the local collieries. The output continues to improve as the men get in better working form. Many miners state it will take a week at least to so harden the men's hands that they will be up to their old form, which means that the maximum output will not be reached here before at least the middle of next week. In consequence of the holidays no work will be done to-morrow or on Monday.

It is stated that 28 of the miners employed at the Ironworks coal tunnel before the stoppage will be taken on again on Tuesday next. The other six who were formerly employed at the tunnel have now found work elsewhere.

CULLEN BULLEN AGREEMENT.

LITHGOW, Friday.

A report from Cullen Bullen states that the non-unionists working at the Invincible colliery have left in consequence of the resumption of work by the miners formerly employed. The following is the full text of the agreement between the Invincible colliery, Cullen Bullen, and the Western Coalminers' Association:—"(1) It is hereby agreed that all miners engaged getting coal, filling small coal, or filling tops shall be members of the Miners' Union. (2) All daymen shall return to their work at the Invincible colliery, and shall be paid the same rate of wages as existed on November 12, 1909; and all miners employed previous to November 12, 1909, shall return to their work at the Invincible colliery. Miners shall be paid the same rates for hewing coal as existed on November 12, 1909. (3) The miners shall arrange with the manager as to slack and tops, filling in gobs, and outside feaps at the rate of 2s per ton gross. No timbering shall be done by miners whilst filling slack or tops. (4) This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving the other one day's notice. Signed on behalf of the Invincible Colliery Company, by J. M'Leish, manager; signed on behalf of the Coalminers' Association by E. Truscott, general secretary."

THE STRIKE CONGRESS.

MEETS ONCE MORE.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT SETTLEMENT.

The strike congress has come to life again. There are even rumours that it was never dead. At any rate, the ghosts seen wandering on Thursday about the Trades Hall staircase multiplied yesterday morning, until finally the congress materialised. Even after it had sat, however, one or two unionists about the Trades Hall denied, with a mistaken vehemence, that such a thing as the congress existed at all.

It met, any way, at about 14.30. It sat for about an hour, and again for another half-hour at 5 in the afternoon.

There were present, as well as the usual local delegates, Mr. J. Paterson (president of the Miners' Amalgamation, and the men's representative on the northern board); Mr. A. Gray (the lately arrested secretary of the amalgamation); representatives of the western and southern miners, of the Newcastle Wharf-labourers and Cranedrivers' Unions; Senator Guthrie (president of the Federated Seamen); and Senator Bamford, of the council of the Waterside Workers' Federation.

Mr. Hughes said afterwards that the following resolutions had been carried:—

1. "That congress, desiring to bring the industrial trouble to a speedy and honourable termination, authorises its representatives to approach the mine-owners, with a view to a settlement, by means of an open conference, or in any other way acceptable to the parties."

2. "That congress endorses the action of the Waterside Workers' Council, and instructs all members of the Waterside Workers' Federation to continue work, and, where work has been suspended, to resume work."

"There is no reason why a settlement should be delayed until the board has come to a decision. Congress will make another effort to bring the parties together."

THE FIVE MEDIATION PROPOSALS.

MR. HUGHES MAKES A CORRECTION.

"I wish," said Mr. Hughes yesterday, "to make a correction of my statement last night in reference to those five mediatory proposals. I have since learned that these were not submitted to a representative of the vend, and consequently could not have been rejected by any members of that body.

"I may mention that the matter did not come before the congress, owing to its not reaching a more definite stage."

THE MINERS' MINES.

ELUDING A LEVY.

STRIKERS TO GO BACK.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

Another effort is to be made to work the Young Wallsend and Ebbw Main mines, which were being worked by Messrs. Kethel and Co. with the co-operation of the Miners' Federation.

When the miners stopped work on Wednesday rather than pay the levy of 25 per cent. on their wages demanded by the federation, there seemed no hope of making another start, and the company was considering the advisability of withdrawing the horses. However, a further attempt was made to effect a reconciliation between the federation and the men. The latter refused altogether to pay the levy, and the federation was then approached. It is understood that the executive officials also declined to recede from the position they had taken up. They said they required the money, but hinted that it was immaterial to them whether it was paid by the company or the miners. This opened up a new way out of the difficulty, and the representatives of Messrs. Kethel and Co. are considering whether they shall make up the difference or allow the mines to stand idle.

To-day it was announced that it was expected that Young Wallsend would resume work on Tuesday afternoon, and that Ebbw Main would follow suit on Wednesday next. The arrangement come to has not been made known; but it is believed that the company is submitting to a further toll on its profits, and that the levy on the men employed has been reduced proportionately.

STRIKE FUNDS.

EXTRAORDINARY STORY.

POLICE STOP RELIEF MONEY.

KURRI KURRI, Friday.

A sum of money was sent to the Abermain lodge on Thursday for relief purposes. The police, however, stopped the distribution. There is much indignation, as the money was intended to procure Christmas fare for 80 families.

THE PREMIER SCEPTICAL.

This matter having been brought under the notice of the Premier last night, Mr. Wade said he knew nothing about it, and certainly would not be prepared to express an opinion without knowing more of the matter. He thought it was probably untrue.

POLICE DENIAL.

Mr. T. Garvin, Inspector-General of Police, had inquiries made concerning the above telegram last night, and stated that there was no truth whatever in the report that the police had seized money that was taken to Kurri Kurri or Abermain for relief.

STRIKE PAY AT KURRI KURRI.

KURRI KURRI, Friday.

The first strike pay was made on Thursday—10s per man, and 5s for youths. The men generally think the strikers are beaten. Distress is becoming more acute, the only thing saving starvation being the lodge guarantee of payment to storekeepers for a limited amount weekly. Many strangers are arriving on the field, being mostly new chums.

COAL SUPPLIES.

VICTORIAN IMPORTATIONS.

ARRIVAL EARLY IN JANUARY.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The Railway Commissioners have issued a statement dealing with the importation of coal. They said that coal was being brought from Calcutta and Great Britain. Orders were placed for sufficient coal from Calcutta to meet the requirements of the railways until supplies could reach here from Great Britain, and the first vessel with this Calcutta coal will, it is expected, reach Melbourne about January 2, and will be followed by three other vessels bringing sufficient coal to keep the railways going until the end of January, with small reserve for safety. While regretting the necessity for importing coals at all, the Commissioners would have much preferred in every aspect to obtain English coals rather than that from Calcutta; but the extra time which was necessarily involved in shipment from the old country precluded the adoption of that course so far as the coal required to arrive early in January was concerned. In order to ensure a supply after the end of January and until the new railway being constructed to the Powlett field reached the State coal mine, which, it was anticipated, would be towards the end of February, the Commissioners ordered sufficient coal for this purpose from England, and this coal, it is expected, will commence to reach Melbourne about the end of January. The Commissioners have also entered into an arrangement whereby it is hoped that 1200 to 1500 tons of coal will be available at the Kilcunda mine, near San Remo, when the new railway reaches there between the middle and end of January, and 50 tons per day thereafter. By the end of February it is expected that in addition to any balance on hand there will be between 10,000 and 15,000 tons of coal at grass at the Powlett mine, and this, with the supply from the Korumburra field and the Kilcunda mine, and the anticipated output of 400 tons per day from the Powlett mine, will be sufficient to meet the railway requirements during March.

COAL FROM JAPAN.

The P. and O. Company's Poona is expected from Japan with Moji coal on board on Sunday. The steamer will berth at Circular Quay, and discharge her general cargo. According to the precedent set up, this work will be done by the wharf-labourers. The cargo out, the Poona will then proceed to discharge her coal, and presumably she will be barred by the union. The Morea is to be at the Quay on Wednesday to take in cargo.

THE CITY GAS.

The coal for the Australian Gaslight Company is arriving satisfactorily. It is being put into the works not quite as fast as the company could wish, but the service will be assured without any trouble through the holidays.

THE WATERSIDE.

N.D.L. STRIKE.

Despite the recommendation of their executive, the union wharf-labourers did not work yesterday on the North German Lloyd Company. In the meantime the company is proceeding with the coaling of the Friedrich der Grosse and the loading of the Greifswald with the steamers' crews. "I notice that the men are recommended by their leaders to resume work," said one of the officers of the company, "but they won't do so; so we are doing it ourselves."

THE BANFFSHIRE LOADING.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Stevedores at Geelong and Williamstown did not hesitate to handle the cargo of the Federal-Houlder-Shire line steamer Banffshire. As the Banffshire belongs to the same line as the Dorset, which was loaded by free labour at Sydney, it was thought that unionists here would refuse to work the vessel.

MANLY FERRY SERVICE IMPROVED.

OLD TIME-TABLE PRACTICALLY IN FORCE.

Now that the end of the coal strike is in view and the holiday season is upon us, the directors of the Port Jackson and Manly Steamship Company have decided to improve the service from to-day, and the time-table in force before the labour troubles commenced will be observed in future practically in its entirety.

The only trips formerly made which will not be restored for the present are the 11.35 p.m. from Manly on week-days, and the 7 a.m. from Sydney and the 7.45 a.m. from Manly on Sundays.

SUNDAY TRAFFIC.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

DEPUTATION IN PROTEST.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER UNYIELDING.

The Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, Mr. Johnson, who was waited upon yesterday by a large deputation representing the Evangelical Council of New South Wales, stated that he could not regard altogether the religious aspect of Sunday transport, and he disclaimed the guardianship of morals.

What the deputation asked was that "the arrangement as at present in existence for the cessation of tram and train services on Sunday mornings should be continued."

Rev. J. Barker (president) said that the council stood for the right and proper observance of the Lord's Day. They had always endeavoured to prevent any undue secularisation of the Lord's Day. They had been for some time very greatly concerned, not to say alarmed, at the increasing tendency to secularise this great day, and most of them were in a measure gratified when they found that one of the results of the unfortunate strike was the necessary restriction of train and tram traffic to and from the city during the morning of the Sabbath Day. That, in their judgment, had proved to the advantage not merely of the Christian portion, but the general community in the city. They had noticed an increasing quietude in the life of the city, and fathers and mothers and their children had been able to come quietly and comfortably to the various places of worship—in fact, the atmosphere had been very pleasantly changed. That was one of the grounds upon which they thought they could approach the Commissioner, and ask on behalf of the young people, as well as the elder people of their homes and families, that this restriction should be continued, and as far as possible that no unnecessary tram service should be again established. They also had regard to the importance of securing for the toilers of the community a full measure of rest during that one day of the week, and they felt they were representing not merely themselves and those connected with the Christian churches, but a very large section of the community, upon whom this Sunday traffic imposed hurtful and unnecessary toil. They felt that some measure of restoration of the old Sabbath traditions would tend to the general moral uplifting of the people. It was unnecessary to remind the Commissioner that there was an increasing tendency to use this day as a day of pleasure on the part of a great many, and they thought there was a desire to cater for it. They were appealing to the Commissioner to use his influence to retain the conditions of the last three or four weeks, or diminish as far as possible the running of the railway and tram cars during the morning and evening of the Lord's Day.

Rev. C. A. White (Presbyterian) said the Sabbath Day was the great day of spiritual opportunity. It was a day when the ordinary doors of commerce and every-day life were closed, and the doors of the churches were open, and people entered in for instruction and spiritual counsel; and they felt very strongly that the bulwark of their national righteousness, integrity in commercial life, and right dealing between man and man were centred in these things, and anything that tended to make the work of the Churches on the Sabbath Day difficult tended to undermine the morality of the community. It would be said, of course, that the running of trams and trains on Sunday was a matter of public convenience. Possibly the Commissioner might tell them that trams and trains had to be run because public convenience demanded it. He thought they might be permitted to say that the public convenience was largely in this case a matter of custom. There were places, for instance, where no trams and trains were run at all, and they had yet to learn that public convenience was seriously jeopardised thereby. In Adelaide and Melbourne, for instance, no trams were run on Sunday morning. The more facilities that were given for locomotion the more the people would take advantage of them. It had been found, he thought, true during the few weeks the trams and trains had been compelled to cease running that the public had not been seriously inconvenienced. No doubt some people felt they had been deprived of conveniences they had been accustomed to, but it would be only a matter of a short time when people would become accustomed to that sort of thing. The deputation stood for the principle that the public conscience was a higher matter than the public convenience. They held that it was a more vital thing in the community to maintain a respect for those things that were sacred, and those things which had to do with the life of a people, and certainly it could hardly be gainsaid that the Sabbath Day was one of the great bulwarks of spirituality, integrity, and righteousness in life. They, therefore, appealed to the Commissioner to recognise these principles, and to take a stand in this matter, in which he could be quite assured a large section of the community would be behind him. They were a spiritual deputation, and represented very large interests. Continuing, he declared that nothing would compensate from the taking away of the Sabbath Day from the working man. If men did not take their families to church on Sunday when they had the opportunity that was no reason for depriving them of the opportunity.

Rev. J. E. Carruthers (Methodist) said there was little to add to the arguments that had been put to the Commissioner, as he was sure they carried the judgment and endorsement of every member of the deputation. He believed they expressed the conviction and desire of all the adherents of their Churches throughout the metropolitan area. In addition to what they had said, he thought the quiet and good order of the worshippers in the suburbs was worthy of consideration. He was the minister of a church on the tram-line in Oxford-street, and they had very much appreciated the quietness and good order of the last few Sabbath mornings. He declared that four-fifths of the traffic on the eastern suburban lines on Sunday was run for purposes of pleasure. A further consideration in addition to the religious consideration was the convenience and rights of the men employed in the tramway and railway services.

Rev. D. Morgan, chairman of the Congregational Union, also spoke. He was followed by Mr. Ebenezer Vickery, a lay representative. The latter pointed out that there was another aspect that had not been touched—that being the extent to which the sentiment of reverence would be assisted by the Railway Commissioner and the Government observing the sacredness of the Sabbath.

Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge, on behalf of the North Sydney churches, pointed out that even the remission of service which obtained in the city on Sunday did not prevail at North Sydney, the church services being frequently interrupted by the noise of the trams. He asked that at least the North Sydney churches should be placed on the same footing as the city in this respect.

The Chief Commissioner, in replying, said he did not want the deputation to think he regarded this subject as at all lightly because he had asked the speakers to be brief. However, it seemed to him a most simple position and question. In his position, he was not the authority on public morals and ethics. His duty was to see that the railway system was run in the general interest. Personally, he was greatly in sympathy with the views expressed by the deputation, and if he consulted his own wishes would probably acquiesce in their request. But until he had representations from a large majority of the people that a discontinuance of Sunday trains and trams was desirable he would be a bold and a rash man to attempt such an innovation. He agreed that it was largely a matter for the public conscience, but he pointedly charged members of the deputation and their order with the responsibility of so educating the public conscience as to bring about the reforms they advocated. If the ministers and Church workers did their duty in this respect and so influenced the public mind as to make this request to the Government and to the Chief Commissioner in sufficient force there could be no withstanding it. As to the request for an alteration in the North Sydney service, he stated that he had given this matter frequent serious consideration, but in the interests of parents who availed themselves of Sunday to visit the harbour beauty spots, and who desired to reach their homes at a reasonable hour at night, he had decided to retain this service, and would retain it. Indeed, at the present moment he was seriously considering the necessity of running a tram service from Circular Quay to the Railway Station during Church hours, for the same purpose of enabling people to reach their homes betimes. Regarding the argument that the suspension of the service was desirable in the interests of tramway and train servants, he was entirely in sympathy with them on that point, and no expense would be spared by the department to enable all the men to be sure of at least an alternate Sunday off. At present it was not possible to do this, but he hoped some day to effect that purpose. He pointed out, however, that there was a disposition on the part of many men to ignore Sunday, and work the 14 days' period. He intended to take drastic action in regard to these people, and see that they worked only the 13 days' period. Briefly, concluded Mr. Johnson, if the deputation could bring a large majority of the public to support their demand for cessation of Sunday trams and trains, neither the Government nor the Chief Commissioner could withstand such representation.

The press secretary of the Women's Liberal League writes stating that Mrs. Parker's lecture on "Women's Work in the Field of Parliament" was delivered before the "Women of the Liberal Reform Association" on Tuesday last, and not the Women's Liberal League.

THE LATE STORM.

FURTHER COPIOUS DOWNPOURS.

FROM 5 TO 7 INCHES AT PLACES.

The heavy rains which set in on Wednesday afternoon continued throughout Thursday night and yesterday morning, bringing the total in some districts up to 5, 6, and 7 inches. The area affected during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday may be described as practically the whole of the country lying to the north-east of a line drawn from Candelo, in the south-east of the State, to Wanaaring, in the north-west. The extension of the rain to portions of the western districts will prove of great benefit, and some good falls occurred there. Nymagee received 120 points, Dandaloo 125, Cobar 105, Byrock 65, and Bourke 57.

The heaviest falls again occurred along the coast and over the highlands and portions of the slopes. At Katoomba 5in fell during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, and at Singlean the record was 437 points. The amount registered at the Manning River was nearly 4½in, and between 3 and 4 inches were measured at quite a number of stations on the Blue Mountains and over the Hunter Valley. The complete records for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

	Points.		Points.
Angledool	21	Louth	83
Araluen	28	Maitland	280
Armidale	80	Manilla	80
Barraba	88	Manning Hds.	430
Barringun	12	Mogil	4
Bateman's Bay	31	Molong	84
Bathurst	33	Morangarell	9
Bendemeer	80	Moree	92
Blackheath	335	Moruya Hds.	15
Blayney	65	Moss Vale	79
Bodalla	23	Mt. Hope	25
Bourke	67	Mt. Victoria	355
Bowral	79	Mudgee	288
Braidwood	38	Mullumbimby	80
Brewarrina	89	Mungundi	5
Bundarra	88	Murrumburrah	6
Burrowa	1	Murrurundi	332
Byrock	63	Muswellbrook	249
Byron Bay	145	Nambucca	44
Camden	174	Narrabri	144
Camden Haven	245	Newcastle	198
Cannonbar	92	Nowra	160
Cape Hawke	350	Nundle	118
Carinda	135	Nymagee	120
Clarence Heads	44	Nyngan	80
Cobar	105	Orange	72
Collarenebri	38	Parramatta	165
Condobolin	83	Picton	108
Cooma	22	Pilliga	30
Crookhaven	260	Port Macquarie	126
Crookwell	26	Port Stephens	290
Cudal	50	Queanbeyan	3
Cudgellico	8	Raymond Terrace	451
Dandaloo	125	Rockley	30
Dubbo	175	Singleton	437
Euabalong	39	Sydney	339
Enngonia	35	Sutton Forest	82
Forbes	30	Tamworth	137
Gilgandra	207	Taralga	85
Girilambone	82	Taree	294
Glen Innes	54	Tenterfield	39
Gloucester	185	Tilpa	5
Gongolgon	135	Trangie	100
Goodooga	62	Tweed Heads	46
Goulburn	33	Ungarie	231
Grafton	156	Urella	42
Grenfell	78	Walcha	185
Gulgong	205	Walgett	104
Hill End	114	Wanaaring	9
Hillston	6	Warren	104
Jerry's Plains	383	Wellington	239
Jervis Bay	110	Windsor	198
Katoomba	500	Wollongong	215
Kempsey	85	Woolgoolga	38
Kiama	335	Yass	11
Kurrajong	392	Young	7
Lawson	371		

Rain was still falling at 9 a.m. yesterday at many places on the coast and over the central highlands, and at a few stations on the northern and southern tablelands and in the central-western districts. At 3 p.m. showery conditions prevailed at Armidale, Bateman's Bay, Braidwood, Blackheath, Clarence Heads, Dubbo, Grafton, Hillend, Katoomba, Lawson, Maitland, Mudgee, Newcastle, Port Stephens, South Head, Springwood, Windsor, and Wellington. Owing to the interruption of the telegraphic lines advices from scores of centres did not come to hand. The additional measurements officially reported last night were:—

	Points.		Points.
Newcastle	88	Seal Rocks	220
Mount Victoria	160		

A few light showers occurred in the city last evening, and at 9 p.m. rain was falling at Ballina, Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie, Catherine Hill Bay, Barranjoey, and South Head.

Although the southerly gales of Thursday moderated considerably yesterday, the wind continued to blow strongly from the direction of south-east throughout the day, and at one time reached a velocity in the city of 30 miles an hour. Newcastle last night reported a moderate south-easterly gale, and fresh winds were advised from other coastal stations. Rough seas were running last night at Barranjoey, South Head, and Ulladulla.

ON THE CATCHMENT AREA.

NEARLY SIX INCHES.

WATER SUPPLY ASSURED.

At 9 a.m. yesterday the welcome news was received by the Water and Sewerage Board that the rain of the previous day had continued steadily. Broughton's Pass reported 161 points for the 24 hours, or a total of 378 points for the 48 hours; Wilson, 100 points, or a total of 354 points; Cordeaux, 327 points, or a total of 528 points; Cataract Dam, 240 points, or a total of 460 points, and Sherbrook, 333 points, which, with the 240 points of the preceding 24 hours, made a total of 573 points, or well on to six inches. Prospect's record for the 24 hours was 195 points, which, with the previous day's record of 276 points, makes a total of 471 points, or nearly 4¾ inches. There was no report from Robertson; but the fall as a whole is a splendid one, and should result in very material additions to the storage, both in Prospect and Cataract reservoirs. The flow of the rivers had, of course, been materially increased, but the full result cannot be ascertained for a day or two. Meanwhile householders in the metropolitan area may, for the time being, consider the water scare a thing of the past.

BEST FALL FOR 18 MONTHS.

THE METEOROLOGIST'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Wilson, the divisional officer of the Weather Bureau, said yesterday.—

"The totals for the metropolitan area are the best since July, 1908, and those on the South Coast since June last. Some good falls were also recorded at scattered places in the north-eastern half of the State, particularly on the central western plains and slopes.

"The heaviest totals during the storm were:—Katoomba 765 points, Kurrajong 648, Crookhaven 660, Wollongong 572, Singleton 515, and Wellington 428.

"No rain fell south of a line joining Wanaaring and Cooma." The distribution over the various subdivisions of the State during the week was as follows:—

Western division, from nil to 135 at Gongolgan.

North-western plain, from 45 at Boggabilla to 340 at Narrabri.

Central-western plain, from 83 at Nyngan to 163 at Condobolin.

Riverina, from nil to 30 at Coolamon.

North-western slope, from nil to 165 at Nundle.

Central-western slope, from 87 at Cudal to 428 at Wellington.

South-western slope, from 6 at Wyalong to 35 at Murrumburrah, Adelong.

Northern tableland, from 61 at Glen Innes to 185 at Walcha.

Central tableland, from 133 at Rockley to 765 at Katoomba.

Southern tableland, from 41 at Jindabyne to 174 at Goulburn.

North Coast, from nil to 150 at Byron Bay.

Hunter and Manning, from 100 at Port Macquarie to 515 at Singleton.

Metropolitan, from 306 at Sydney to 648 at Kurrajong Heights.

South Coast, from 97 at Bodalla to 660 at Crookhaven Heads.

TELEGRAPHIC INTERRUPTION.

DAMAGE TO TELEPHONES.

The Deputy Postmaster-General stated yesterday that as a result of the recent southerly gale the telegraphic lines were considerably knocked about. Linemen were sent out in all directions early yesterday morning, and in view of the heavy Christmas traffic both on the telegraph and telephone lines, extra men were engaged in repairing work, so as to get the lines restored at the earliest moment.

The reports so far received do not indicate that any of the poles in the metropolitan area have come down. The main trouble has been with the aerial cables in the very exposed positions, which have been affected by the heavy wind and rain.

From this cause the junction lines to Kogarah and Wahroonga have been affected—seven of the 19 junction lines to Kogarah and seven of the 20 to Wahroonga being out of order.

The traffic in the exchange was very heavy yesterday morning, as it always is prior to Christmas, and the southerly gale very seriously added to the trouble and difficulty that the subscribers experienced.

Everything that can possibly be done, Mr. Young says, is being done in order to render the delay in restoring the lines as short as possible. Respecting the telegraph lines, he points out that a number of the circuits are still wrong, for no sooner had the damage done by the bush fires been temporarily repaired than the heavy gale caused further trouble.

KATOOMBA IN DARKNESS.

GAS HOLDER COLLAPSES.

KATOOMBA, Friday.

Five inches of rain were registered from 9 a.m. on Thursday till 9 a.m. on Friday. It rained all day Friday. The town will be in darkness at 8 o'clock to-night, owing to the gas holder being blown over. About 12.30 p.m. to-day one of the supports broke, and the whole structure collapsed. The manager got help and tackle, and pulled it bodily back, but the pipe that conducts the gas into the holder

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had broken, and only about 5000 feet were saved. A terrific gale was blowing from the south at the time. Great excitement prevails. Storekeepers and householders when notified rushed at once to buy lamps and kerosene.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

QUEANBEYAN, Friday.

During Wednesday's thunderstorm a young man named Thomas Harman, of Majura, was struck by lightning and rendered unconscious. Dr. Blackall was summoned, and found that the young man was burnt on the left side of the face and body. Harman, in company with his father, was harvesting in a field when a flash knocked him off the dray, stripping his hat and one boot to ribbons. His father also felt the shock, the pitchfork he was using being tossed yards away, while he was thrown to the ground. The horse in the dray was knocked down.

THE OUTLOOK.

Light showers were still falling in the city at midnight, and the Meteorologist anticipates a continuance of unsettled conditions along the coast and over the highlands to-day.

There are indications, however, that the storm is clearing away from the south and from the metropolitan district, and the rain area appears to be contracting to the north-east. Fine but warmer weather is expected to rule again shortly.

BOURKE.—Fifty-seven points of rain fell on Thursday night. The weather is very cool and cloudy. Other reports are:—Ford's Bridge, 47; Byrock, 63; Yantabulla, 21; Grass Hill, 48; Kerribee, 35; Barringun, 12 points. Splendid falls are reported lower down the railway line.

CASINO.—Good rain started on Friday morning, and at 5 p.m. had every appearance of continuing.

CONDOBOLIN.—Thursday was cold. Rain started in the afternoon, 92 points being registered.

DAPTO.—Splendid rain has fallen in this district, 220 points being registered. Up till 9 a.m. on Friday it was still showery. The downpour is the best experienced for months. Farmers were badly in need of water. The rainfall for this year is 10 inches below that of 1908, only 20 inches being recorded, as compared with 30 inches last year. United prayers were to have been held in the Agricultural Hall last night, but owing to the downpour the meeting had to be abandoned.

KURRI KURRI.—Heavy rain was falling on Friday.

LEADVILLE.—A thunderstorm worked up from the west on Wednesday evening, after which much-needed steady rain commenced. It has continued almost incessantly ever since. Up to 9 o'clock on Friday morning 487 points had been recorded. The outlook for landholders, which was looking very black, has now been greatly altered, as drains, tanks, etc, are overflowing.

LITHGOW.—Rain still continues. Over 7 inches have fallen in the last 30 hours, and at 7 p.m. there was no sign of clearing. The blast furnace was damped down to-day until the weather clears. The explanation is that everything got so terribly boggy and wet about the furnace that the workmen could hardly move about, and it was thought best to damp it down for a couple of days.

MERRIWA.—After a spell of hot weather steady rain set in, giving a total of four and a half inches in forty-eight hours. The weather at 9 a.m. on Friday was still unsettled.

MITTAGONG.—Rain has fallen almost continuously since Wednesday at midday. It was still raining at 4 p.m. on Friday. 115 points were recorded for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Friday.

NYMAGEE.—Rain set in and continued steadily on Thursday, 120 points being registered.

OBERON.—Soaking rain continues. Nearly 250 points have been recorded since Monday.

ORANGE.—About 2 inches of rain has fallen. An extraordinary change has occurred in the weather. Furs are being worn, and there are fires in nearly every house.

PORTLAND.—Rain has fallen almost continuously for two days, during which time over 3 inches have been registered. There was every indication of a wet Christmas.

TRUNDLE.—127 points of rain fell up to Wednesday morning.

WEE WAA.—Splendid rain has been falling, 95 points being registered to 9 on Friday morning.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SPREAD OF RABBITS.

PERTH, Friday.

Rabbits are now plentiful between the fences erected to exclude them from the south-west portion of the State, and the Agricultural Department is urging wheat farmers in that part to enclose their holdings with rabbit-proof fences.

THE LICENSING BILL.

The Premier (Mr. Moore) says that the Government intends reintroducing next session a licensing bill providing local option. He considers that if the temperance reformers persist in the maxim of all or nothing a substantial degree of practical reform will be delayed an indefinite period. Mr. Bath, leader of the Opposition, stated yesterday that although the Licensing Bill was a big one it could have been put through if it had been earnestly tackled.

IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly which inquired into the question of immigration recommended—(1) That assisted immigrants, proposing to settle upon land, should be in a position to command a capital of not less than £100; (2) assisted immigrants brought to the State ostensibly to settle upon the land should not be allowed to register themselves at a labour bureau as applicants for employment in towns; (3) nominated immigrants should not be allowed to register themselves at the Labour Bureau as applicants for employment, and that where they attempt to do so the nominator should be required to refund the sum paid by the Government towards their passages; (4) assisted immigrants registered as farm labourers should not be allowed to register at a labour bureau as applicants for employment in that capacity only; (5) Where the number of applicants for employment registered at a labour bureau in any one capacity is greater than the number required preference shall be given in every case to the person longest resident in the State; (6) assisted immigrants introduced as domestic servants shall be provided with employment at a wage not lower than that demanded by local applicants; (7) that the wives and families of local residents who may have been left in other States shall be introduced to the State upon the same terms as nominated or assisted immigrants; (8) the committee had no opportunity of inquiring as to the best steps to take to promote the immigration of suitable agriculturists to the State.

Sir John Forrest was entertained by the National League on Thursday afternoon. Responding to the toast of his health, Sir John Forrest said that he represented not only the Commonwealth Government, but the Federal fusion party, which consisted of 60 united members. Never before in his political experience had he been associated with a party so united.

BARQUE IN HEAVY WEATHER.

SOLGRAN DAMAGED IN GALES.

The locally-owned barque Solgran, laden with a cargo of timber from New Zealand, arrived here yesterday in a damaged condition, the result of exceptionally severe weather experienced on the voyage across the Tasman Sea. Captain Halliday states that on leaving Greymouth westerly to south-westerly winds ruled, but they rapidly increased in force until they attained the strength of a furious gale.

For three days the Solgran was called upon to contend against violent conditions. The gale brought up mountainous seas, and the barque was extremely roughly handled. Great seas constantly broke on board, flooding the decks, and causing some amount of damage.

One huge sea struck the Solgran with such force that portion of the railing amidships on the port side was carried away. The Solgran rolled severely in the heavy seaway, and owing to the constant straining some water found its way into the vessel. It was found necessary during the height of the tempest to put the pumps into operation. The remainder of the voyage proved uneventful.

GERALD'S CREEK FIND.

RICH STONE.

CASINO, Friday.

The reef at Gerald's Creek, five miles from Drake, is turning out rich stone. One dish realised 2oz. Rogers and party acquired two gold leases of five acres on the reef, and found rich gold the second day, taking three pounds weight of rich specimens. One dish yielded 2oz; and five pounds stone returned 5oz gold. Gold is well defined through the reef, the quartz being ironstone formation in slate diorite. The country formation is 2ft wide. When the find became known others rushed to the scene. Forty blocks have been secured.

FATAL TRAM ACCIDENT.

Mr. Hawkins, P.M., concluded the inquest yesterday morning touching the death of Elodie Chapman, aged 13, who died in Sydney Hospital last Sunday, after being knocked down by a tram in Cleveland-street the day before. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

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Latin I.—Pass (order of merit): C. O. G. Donovan, Elsie F. Gasteen, W. M'I. Pitt, Gertrude Andrew; C. S. Slade, D. Williams, aeq.; Rachel R. Miller-Hermes, C. B. Donaldson, E. A. M'Tiernan, D. M. Smith, H. W. Petrie, Martha J. Lewis; Dorothy M. Oakey, W. J. Gray, aeq.; S. V. O'Regan, (e) G. E. Johns, E. H. Burgmann; Gladys E. M'Credie, (e) A. L. Smith, aeq.; G. R. Thomas, G. P. Arnold, Evangeline A. Bergin, J. Machin, A. W. Dean; Dorothy F. Dunstan, (e) G. B. Morling, R. A. Patrick, aeq.; Eleanora D. Hill, E. B. Cahalan, aeq.; (e) Margaret Cusack; H. S. Macneil, R. W. Meek, aeq.; W. J. F. Rofe, B. Bardon, (e) J. M'Ilwraith, aeq.; V. G. Cummings, C. Tanko, aeq.; (e) E. J. Williams, (e) H. M. Woodward, Donna M. Tearne; Olga M. Pauss, (e) E. F. Lacey, aeq.; F. S. Hughes, (e) T. Sheehy; A. H. Brown, E. T. Hollingdale, aeq.; (e) W. J. Sheppard; May de la H. Atkins, *Minnie Barber, aeq. (unmatriculated); (e) S. G. Keys, Dorothy Wise, Nellie D. De Low; V. W. Thompson, J. L. Graham, aeq.

Greek.—Pass (alphabetical): E. H. Burgmann, C. O. G. Donovan, W. J. Gray, W. M'I. Pitt.

English I.—Pass (order of merit): D. Williams, C. S. Slade, Gertrude Andrew, C. H. Currey, C. O. G. Donovan, (e) T. H. Clyne, Victoria L. Palazzi, aeq.; Dorothy F. Dunstan, W. M'I. Pitt, E. A. M'Tiernan, D. M. Smith; Elsie F. Gasteen, S. V. O'Regan, aeq.; E. H. Burgmann, Constance I. B. Docker, Violet E. Crago, B. Bardon, G. R. Thomas; Lilian Layh, Jane E. M. L. Wilson, aeq.; Constance E. Watson, Dorothy Wise, (e) A. L. Smith, M. C. L. Levy, May de la H. Atkins, Olive V. Moore, W. Munro, V. W. Thompson; (e) J. W. Mann, (e) H. T. Parker, aeq.; Dorothy M. Voss, (e) G. A. Cantello, Olga M. Pauss, G. P. Arnold, Rachel R. Miller-Hermes, Laura O. Houison; Nellie D. De Low, Ida Lodder, aeq.; F. T. Hollingdale, (e) Gladys R. Reynolds, aeq.; (e) E. J. Williams; E. B. Cahalan, Eleanora D. Hill, aeq.; (e) G. H. Morling, (e) W. S. M'Niven, (e) F. J. E. Gallagher, (e) Lynda M. Cavell, R. A. Patrick, (e) W. H. Tonkin, (e) J. W. Greaves, Dorothy M. Oakey, Gwendolin Jenkins, (e) J. Neville, V. G. Cummings, R. W. Meek, (e) L. G. Kendall, (e) S. G. Keys, Martha J. Lewis; Evangeline A. Bergin, Jessie I. Ridley, aeq.; T. Sheehy.

French I.—Pass (order of merit): Constance E. Watson, H. W. Petrie, Dora Grieve, Jane E. M. L. Wilson, (e) F. J. E. Gallagher, C. B. Donaldson, Renee Gombert, Laura O. Houison, Cecily F. Packham, G. E. Johns, aeq.; (e) A. L. Smith, J. H. Stephenson, aeq.; Ida Lodder, Dorothy M. Oakey; Eleanora D. Hill, G. R. Arnold, aeq.; (e) W. H. Tonkin, Nellie D. De Low, aeq.; J. Machin, Donna M. Tearne, (e) E. J. Williams, Olga M. Pauss.

German I.—Pass, order of merit: Constance E. Watson, Dora Grieve, J. Machin.

History I.—Pass (alphabetical): Violet E. Crago, C. H. Currey, Constance I. B. Docker, Laura O. Houison, Lillian Layh, M. C. L. Levy, E. A. McTiernan, W. Munro, Marie A. Neale, H. T. Parker, H. L. C. Reid, S. R. W. Richardson, Dorothy M. Voss, Constance E. White. Evening students: Margaret Cusack, J. Gilbert, J. McGrory, G. F. Maguire.

Philosophy.—Pass (alphabetical): Minnie Barber, E. B. C. Cahalan, (e) Elizabeth Cameron, W. G. Clark-Duff, (e) T. J. Clyne, (e) L. R. Egan, (e) E. F. Fischer, (e) J. Gilbert, Renee Gombert, W. G. Gray, (e) T. W. Jarvie, (e) L. G. Kendall, (e) W. T. Landrey, J. Machin, (e) J. W. Mann, Rachel R. Miller-Hermes, R. D. Mulvey, (e) W. S. McNiven, (e) F. N. Montgomerie, (e) J. Neville, Victoria L. Palazzi, R. A. Patrick, H. L. Reid, (e) Gladys R. Reynolds, S. R. W. Richardson, D. M. Smith, J. H. Stephenson, G. R. Thomas.

Mathematics.—Pass (alphabetical): Gertrude Andrew, G. P. Arnold, B. Bardon, Evangeline A. Bergin, E. H. Burgmann, Violet E. Crago, V. G. Cummings, C. H. Currey, Nellie D. De Low, Constance I. B. Docker, C. B. Donaldson, Dorothy F. Dunstan, Elsie F. Gasteen, Renee Gombert, J. L. Graham, W. J. Gray, Dora Grieve, F. S. Hughes, Marie F. Joseph, R. W. Labey, Lilian Layh, N. C. L. Levy, Martha J. Lewis, Ida Lodder, E. A. McTiernan, R. W. Meek, R. D. Mulvey, S. V. O'Regan, Cecily F. Packham, Victoria L. Palazzi, H. P. Parker, R. A. Patrick, Olga M. Pauss, H. W. Petrie, Jessie I. Ridley, Oovey J. Robinson, W. J. F. Rofe, J. H. Stephenson, J. Stewart, C. Tanko, Donna M. Tearne, Dorothy M. Voss, Constance E. White, D. Williams, Jane E. M. L. Wilson, Dorothy Wise. Evening students—Pass (alphabetical): E. F. Fischer, F. J. E. Gallagher, J. Gilbert, J. W. Greaves, G. E. Johns, S. G. Keys, W. C. Lacey, *W. T. Landrey, *H. Leaver, *J. W. Mann, F. Potter, T. Sheehy, A. L. Smith, E. J. Williams, H. M. Woodward.

* Unmatriculated.

Biology, I.—Pass—Arts I: Dorothy M. Voss.

Chemistry, I.—Passed with credit: G. L. Byth (second year), M. F. Maguire (second year). Pass (alphabetical): A. W. Dean, Elsie F. Gasteen, Eleanora D. Hill, G. S. Hughes, R. F. Hughes (second year), Kathleen M. Lilley (second year), L. M. Lonsdale (second year), H. S. Macneil, S. V. O'Regan, H. W. Petrie, Pearl M. Saunders (second year), C. S. Slade, C. Tanko, Jane E. M. L. Wilson.

Geology, I.—High Distinction (order of merit): (e) W. F. J. Hatfield (third year), (e) E. G. S. Evans (third year). Distinction: (e) C. E. R. Fletcher (second year); D. M. Smith; (e) B. J. Price (third year); Doris M. Philp (second year); Rachel R. Miller-Hermes; (e) W. Lennard (second year), aeq.; (e) H. Leaver; M. J. Maguire (second year), (e) G. F. Murphy, H. T. Parker, Kathleen M. Prescott (second year), aeq. Credit: B. Bardon, T. A. Owen, Donna M. Tearne, aeq.; Constance I. B. Docker; (e) R. Giltinan (second year), (e) V. W. Peterson (second year), Victoria L. Palazzi, aeq. Pass (order of merit): Violet E. Crago, Laura O. Houison, (e) T. Sheehy, (e) Louie Priestley (second year), aeq.; (e) J. W. Greaves; Renee Gombert, (e) C. A. Hardwick, May Saunders, aeq.; V. W. Thompson, J. Back (second year), (e) R. Bowden (second year), aeq.; E. B. Cahalan, V. G. Cummings, C. H. Currey, (e) Lynda Cavell, (e) G. E. Johns, (e) L. G. Kendall, (e) J. G. Murray, (e) G. A. Walpole, Martha Lewis, aeq.; Gertrude Andrew, Cecily F. Packham, W. McI. Pitt, D. Williams, E. L. Hadley (second year), aeq.; May de la H. Atkins, Constance E. Watson, T. G. Robertson (third year), (e) W. K. Stewart (third year), aeq.; E. A. Bergin, R. D. Mulvey, Constance E. White, W. T. Anderson, (e) H. L. Clough, (e) H. M. Colver, (e) W. D. M'Ilwraith (third year), aeq.; (e) F. Bussmann (third year); W. Munro, C. R. Lucas (second year), Dorothy M. Oakey, Leila Wilson (third year), (e) E. F. Fischer, (e) F. Potter, (e) S. Redshaw, aeq.; H. D. Mackie (third year), Phyllis L. Withers (third year), aeq.; Marie F. Joseph, M. C. L. Levy, (e) G. A. Cantello, Eleanor T. Davis (third year), aeq.; Dorothy Dunstan, Dora Grieve, E. T. Hollingdale, aeq.; K. B. F. Lumsdaine (third year); Lilian Layh, Olive V. Moore, aeq.; (e) H. M. Woodward; (e) P. L. Murphy (third year), (e) E. G. Bentley (second year), aeq.; (e) J. G. Nowlan (third year), Enid Lewis (third year); B. H. Ferguson (second year).

The following have completed the second year examination:—J. Back, J. Baxendale, (e) F. T. Berman, S. E. Blight, (e) Bowdenk, (e) E. Breakwell, B.Sc., W. R. Brown, J. F. Bruce, A. W. J. Bulteau, Dorothy Burns, G. L. Byth, A. R. Chisholm, (e) A. Cousins, (e) A. H. Dyce, B. H. Ferguson, C. E. B. Fletcher, J. L. Gallagher, (e) R. Giltinan, Ethel M. Gretton, Ethel L. Hill, R. F. Hughes, R. Jerrems, J. S. Johnson, E. G. Knox, (e) W. Lennard, (e) A. E. Leroy, (b) A. S. Lloyd, (b) C. R. Lucas, F. V. M'Adam, Gladys E. M'Credie, (e) Jessie M'Credie, (e) Jessie M'Ilwraith, M. J. Maguire, (e) T. R. Mallett, Gladys E. Markwell, W. J. Mulholland, (e) A. W. Oakes, Irene M. Patison, (a) Kathleen M. Prescott, (e) G. Porter, Louie E. Priestley, (a) Kathleen M. Prescott, Lily C. Purnell, N. W. Roxburgh, S. Redshaw, P. J. Sharp, C. W. Sinclair, Sybil R. Smyth, K. M. H. Solomon, Dorothea L. Stewart, K. W. Street, Evelyn A. Watson, (e) F. E. Widmer. (a) Conditionally upon passing in mathematics in March. (b) Conditionally upon passing in law subjects in March.

Latin II.—Pass (in order of merit): G. L. Byth, K. M. H. Solomon, (e) A. W. Oakes, W. R. Brown, A. S. Lloyd, R. F. Hughes, J. B. V. Steel, Ethel M. Gretton, Dorothy C. M. Schleicher, K. W. Street, Kathleen M. Prescott, J. Baxendale, N. W. Roxburgh, M. C. Brown, C. E. Rich; J. L. Gallagher, Evelyn A. Watson, aeq.; F. V. MacAdam, (e) B. V. Stacy, aeq.; D. St. C. Maclardy, C. R. Lucas, Dorothea L. Stewart, B. H. Ferguson, (e) G. Porter; (e) Louie Priestley, S. E. Blight, aeq.; Lily C. Purnell; Acacia D. Maiden, Irene M. Patison.

Latin, I.—JA. R. Chisholm, (e) A. R. Willcock, (e) R. G. Cameron, Mabel R. Roberts, J. Back.

Greek.—Pass (alphabetical): S. E. Blight, G. L. Byth, R. F. Hughes, K. M. H. Solomon.

English II.—Order of merit: J. F. Bruce, K. M. H. Solomon, Gladys E. McCredie, Ethel M. Gretton, (e) E. Breakwell, M. J. Maguire, (e) R. G. Cameron, R. Jerrems, (e) A. H. Dyce, (e) Ella M. Gormley, (e) W. Lennard, aeq.; (e) Jessie McCredie, (e) J. McIlwraith, aeq.; (e) H. P. Willcock, (e) Alice M. Fletcher, W. J. Mulholland; Irene M. Patison, (e) A. Cousins, aeq.; Ethel L. Hill, Lily C. Purnell, Dorotheat L. Stewart, aeq.; Helen E. Mackay, Sybil R. Smyth, J. S. Johnson, (e) F. T. Berman, aeq.; C. E. B. Fletcher, C. W. Sinclair; Dorothy C. M. Schleicher, A. S. Lloyd, aeq.; Janet A. R. Beith, Dorothy Burns, Evelyn A. Watson, aeq.; (e) Cora R. Buckley, Beatrice F. Carter, Marion A. Connell; Acacia D. Maiden, Doris M. Philp, aeq.; (e) R. Giltinan, (e) G. Porter, (e) T. R. Mallett; R. J. W. G. Crawford, E. G. Knox, aeq.; S. E. Blight, (e) S. Redshaw, P. J. Sharp.

English I.—F. V. McAdam, (e) F. E. Widmer, N. W. Roxburgh.

French.—Pass (order of merit).—A. W. J. Bulteau, Ethel M. Gretton, (e) F. E. Widmer, Dorothy Burns; Evelyn A. Watson, (e) A. H. Dyce, R. Jerrems, aeq.; Irene M. Patison, (e) Louie Priestley, F. V. McAdam, Dorothea L. Stewart, K. W. Street, B. H. Ferguson, Gladys E. Markwell, Ethel L. Hill, Sybil R. Smyth. Second year students taking French I.—Pass: A. R. Chisholm, H. L. Harris, (e) J. L. Gallagher.

German II.—Pass: A. W. J. Bulteau.

History I.—Pass (alphabetical): J. Baxendale, J. F. Bruce, Marion A. Connell, C. E. B. Fletcher, J. S. Johnson, E. G. Knox, W. J. Mulholland, C. E. Rich, P. J. Sharp, E. T. Simpson. Evening students.—Pass (alphabetical): F. T. Berman, E. Breakwell, Cora R. Buckley, W. F. Clemens, A. Cousins, O. J. Heinrich, W. Lennard, A. E. Leroy, Jessie McCredie, G. McDarra, J. McIlwraith, S. Redshaw.

History II.—Pass: Gladys E. McCredie.

Philosophy.—Pass (alphabetical): J. Back, M. Beresford, (e) F. T. Berman, (e) C. A. R. Bourke, (e) V. J. Brady, W. R. Brown, J. F. Bruce, Dorothy Burns, (e) W. F. Clemens, (e) A. Cousins, R. G. Crawford, (e) A. H. Dyce, (e) Ella M. Gormley, (e) J. L. Gallagher, Ethel L. Hill, J. S. Johnson, E. G. Knox, (e) A. Leroy, (e) T. R. Mallett, Gladys E. Markwell, Gladys E. McCredie, W. J. Mulholland, (e) G. Porter, (e) S. Redshaw, H. W. Roxburgh, P. J. Sharp, C. W. Sinclair, W. R. Smith, Sybil R. Smyth, (e) B. V. Stacey, G. B. V. Steel, K. W. Street, (e) F. E. Widmer.

Mathematics.—Pass (alphabetical): W. R. Brown, (e) T. R. Mallett, Gladys E. Markwell.

Education.—Pass: A. R. Chisholm, R. Scott, aeq.; P. Jerrems, Maggie Campbell, A. W. J. Bulteau, J. W. Merrick, J. Baxendale.

Chemistry II.—Passed with credit: C. W. Sinclair.

Geology II.—Passed with credit: Pearl Saunders. Pass: Lily Purnell, Helen Mackay.

The following have completed the third year examination:—

C. K. Allen, Millicent S. Armstrong, (b) Mabel A. Ballantine, (e) H. R. Blanksby, R. C. Blumer, (a) L. H. Cohen, N. Connal, Eleanor T. Davis, H. Debenham, (a) T. S. Dixson, (e) E. G. S. Evans, Una L. Fielding, Irene I. Francis, (e) P. W. Hallett, (e) W. F. J. Hatfield, J. R. Hooton, C. H. Kaeppel, (e) J. Leaver, Enid De S. Lewis, (e) E. Lewis, K. B. F. Lumsdaine, (e) A. D. H. Marchant, H. K. Meek, (e) J. W. Merrick, (e) Edith E. Moore, (e) P. L. Murphy, B. Muscio, (e) J. G. Nowlan, (e) E. E. Nutman, (e) W. R. Page, Kathleen A. Parkinson, (e) B. J. Price, (e) F. Purnell, T. G. Robertson, R. K. Scott, (b) E. F. Simonds, (a) A. T. Simpson, (e) A. M. Smith, Eleanor R. Smith, (a) (e) W. K. Stewart, (a) (e) E. W. Tait, (e) J. C. Thom, (e) F. W. Tugwell, Jessie L. Wilson.

(a) Conditionally upon passing in law subjects in March.

(b) Conditionally upon passing in mathematics in March.

Latin III.—Pass (order of merit): C. K. Allen, A. Muscio, R. C. Blumer, Mabel A. Ballantyne; Eleanor T. Davis, C. H. Kaeppel, aeq.; K. B. F. Lumsdaine, E. Lewis, L. H. Biddulph, (e) J. G. Nowlan, Eleanor R. Smith, Irene I. Francis, A. C. Thom, W. R. Page, B. C. Fuller, N. Connal, W. Forsyth; T. S. Dixson, J. W. Moffitt, aeq.

Latin II.: A. D. H. Marchant.

Greek.—Pass (alphabetical): C. K. Allen, C. H. Cohen, C. H. Kaeppel, H. K. Meek.

English III. (Order of Merit).—C. K. Allen, B. Muscio, (e) H. R. Blanksby, Millicent S. Armstrong, Edith M. Cotton, aeq.; (e) B. J. Price, W. R. Page, (e) J. W. Merrick, K. B. F. Lumsdaine, (e) A. M. Smith; Kathleen A. Parkinson, L. H. Biddulph, (e) P. W. Hallett, aeq.; T. G. Robertson, (e) J. Leaver, aeq.; (e) Edith E. Moore, W. G. Hilliard, (e) E. G. S. Evans, Enid De S. Lewis, Eleanor T. Davis; Una L. Fielding, N. Connal, aeq.; H. Debenham, (e) F. Purnell, R. I. Simpson, (e) R. E. Nutman, Jessie L. Wilson, (e) C. Moody, (e) I. E. Easterbrook, (e) F. W. Tugwell, (e) A. D. H. Marchant.

Course II.: Maggie Campbell.

French III.—Pass (order of merit): J. R. Hooton, (e) J. W. Merrick, E. F. Simonds; (e) P. L. Murphy, Kathleen A. Parkinson, aeq.; Una L. Fielding, I. I. Francis, aeq.; (e) J. G. Nowlan; (e) W. R. Page, (e) F. Purnell, aeq.; (e) P. W. Hallett, (e) E. Lewis, R. K. Scott, Millicent S. Armstrong.

German III.—Pass (order of merit): J. R. Hooton, (e) G. G. Nowlan, Kathleen A. Parkinson.

History II.—Pass (alphabetical): Millicent Sylvia Armstrong, Mabel A. Ballantine, L. H. Biddulph, J. H. Debenham, H. K. Meek, R. K. Scott, E. F. Simonds, Eleanor R. Smith, Jessie L. Wilson.

History I.—Pass (alphabetical): H. R. Blanksby, F. Bussmann, E. G. S. Evans, P. W. Hallett, W. F. J. Hatfield, Kathleen Herlihy, J. Leaver, E. Lewis, Mary M'Aulay, J. F. M'Caulay, H. W. Moffit, C. Moody, C. H. Moore, Edith E. Moore, P. L. Murphy, R. E. Nutman, E. E. O'Brien, R. A. Page, A. M. Smith, Jeanie L. Spence, J. C. Thom, F. W. Tugwell.

Philosophy.—Pass (alphabetical): (e) H. R. Blanksby, N. S. Connal, (e) Debenham, (e) I. E. Easterbrook, Irene Francis, (e) W. Forsyth, (e) A. D. Fraser, (e) W. F. Hatfield, (e) Kathleen Herlihy, J. R. Hooton, C. H. Kaeppel, (e) J. Leaver, Enid De S. Lewis, H. D. Mackie, (e) Mary McAulay, (e) J. F. McAulay, Constance McLean, A. D. H. Marchant, H. K. Meek, (e) J. W. Merrick, (e) H. W. Moffit, (e) Edith Moore, (e) C. H. Moore, B. Muscio, K. D. Norman, (e) R. E. Nutman, (e) B. J. Price, (e) F. Purnell, T. G. Robertson, (e) A. M. Smith, Eleanor Smith, (e) Jeanie L. Spence, (e) J. N. Stephen, (e) E. W. Tait, (e) J. C. Thom, (e) F. W. Tugwell, Ruby Wheaton.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE.

First Year Examination.—High distinction: W. Craigie. Distinction: A. G. Henderson, T. Waites, W. O. C. Day, R. C. Dawson, A. M. Webb, H. W. Gollidge, J. Murphy, C. W. Clifford. Credit: V. Haigh, R. Le N. Scrutton, W. R. Cox, R. E. Harbutt, G. C. Goodman, T. W. Moffitt, S. Doyle. Pass: J. H. Stephenson, J. Trotter, C. B. Donaldson, W. H. Stillman, A. J. Souter.

Second Year Examination.—High distinction: F. J. Docker. Distinction: F. Beardmore. Credit: E. C. Hancock, F. J. Herlihy, H. L. McDonald, Edith M. M. Swain, R.A., G. C. Hicks, H. A. Eade, H. B. Perrignon. Pass: A. Christie.

Third Year Examination.—High distinction: W. C. Ewing, A. W. Oakes. Distinction: H. E. Street, A. E. Stevenson, A. D. P. Wylie, W. C. Lacey. Credit: R. L. Brown, M. G. Webster, D. M. Glassford, S. B. Bateman, W. R. Mace, W. A. Moore, B.A., J. W. Ferguson, J. B. Cane, R. E. G. Goddard, F. J. Comyn, A. E. Robinson, C. N. Campbell. Pass: E. Selby, A. D. Carson, J. J. O. Sutherland, W. R. Waddington, E. O. Walcot, A. E. R. Sharp.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

First Year Examination: Renwick scholarship: May L. Collie. Prize for botany: C. J. Wylie. Professor Haswell's prize for zoology: C. J. Wylie. Professor Haswell's prize for laboratory notes in biology: F. S. Thomas.

Pharmacy Students. Materia Medica—high distinction: J. C. Lane. Distinction: F. A. Earle, B. Simpson. Pass (alphabetical): W. R. Allison, S. C. Cunynghame, D. M. Dunn, C. C. Fleck, J. W. Heylin, A. W. Jones, G. H. Kennedy, J. C. Kilburn, R. C. Martin, C. T. Newcombe, H. J. Rogan, J. P. Vesper.

Botany.—Pass: J. G. Bowes.

Geology Prizes.—Professor David's prize for third year: W. R. Brown, A. B. Walkom, aeq.

Professor David's Prize for Second Year.—F. Debenham, C. D. Smith, aeq.

University Prize for First Year.—W. F. J. Hatfield (not eligible for prize), awarded to E. G. S. Evans.

Dr. Woolnough's Prize for Camp Notes.—W. F. J. Hatfield.

Professor David's Prize for Microscope Slide Collection.—E. F. Fischer.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE.

First Year Examination.—Levey scholarship for chemistry: S. E. Peirce. Slade prize for practical chemistry: S. E. Peirce. Mathematics—Pass (alphabetical): W. R. Brown, F. S. Cotton, S. J. G. Davis, A. J. Robson, S. E. Peirce, H. B. Taylor.

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATIONS.

Caird Scholarship for Chemistry.—R. C. Blumer. Prof. Haswell's prize for zoology: H. H. Willis. Mathematics.—Pass: Catherine D. Smith.

Biology III.—High distinction: H. H. Willis (second year science). Distinction: A. St. G. N. H. Burkitt (third year science). Credit: Dr. F. P. Sandes (second science), Marian W. Morison (third science), Dorothy M. Watkins (third science), Grace E. Jacob (third science), Una Fielding (third arts). First-class honours in biology at graduation: A. St. G. N. H. Burkitt. Second-class honours in biology at graduation: Marian W. Morison.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

First Year Examination.—Mathematics—pass (alphabetical): C. A. Bourne, F. J. Calvert, H. F. Cohen, C. R. Cran, C. Deane, H. G. Fry, F. S. Hebblewhite, R. B. Hinder, M. Maxwell, C. A. Pennefather, W. H. Roper, R. G. Smith, H. C. Watt.

Second Year Examination.—Mathematics—pass (alphabetical): C. W. Bridge, C. Dennis, J. England, L. M. Roberts, H. A. Rorke, E. P. Taylor, W. H. Vincent.

Third Year Examination.—Department of mining and metallurgy—pass: E. N. Mulligan.

CANADA AS COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have just returned from Canada, whither I went some eight months ago with a view of settling there on the land. I came away sadly disappointed. I would not live in that snowbound region under any circumstances, yet immigrants are coming there from all parts of the world almost to settle on its lands. The great majority are men with more or less capital, and go straight on to the land when they arrive. They are coming there in tens of thousands per month, and the result is Canadians are enjoying a wave of prosperity throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion such as Australia never knew. Towns are springing up everywhere; business is phenomenally brisk; wages are 50 per cent. or more higher than anywhere in Australia. This amazing prosperity is due to one thing alone, viz., land settlement. Canada cannot be compared with Australia as a field for immigration so far as quality of land and climate are concerned. New South Wales alone can produce more stock than the whole Dominion of Canada. I put this question to several new arrivals, "Why did you choose Canada in preference to Australia?" The answer was every time: "There is no land in Australia, the best of it is all held by monopolists. We don't know what we could do in Australia. We do know that we can get on the land here in Canada, and if we have to work for others we know we can get good wages." Contrast the position of the two countries. Canada, as I have said, is getting population by the hundred thousand or more yearly, while Australia, a far better country in every way, is making little or no progress in this direction. The reason is not far to seek. Land monopoly is the stumbling block in the path of Australian progress to-day. In the past unwise and corrupt colonial Governments have allowed the best—the very cream of Australian land—to drift into the hands of the monopolist. It has been estimated that upwards of one hundred million acres of the finest land in the Commonwealth are so held. What is needed is the imposition of a graduated land tax such as the Ballance-Seddon party imposed in New Zealand. The great benefit that little island derived from that policy, and the unbroken years of prosperity she enjoyed as a result, are now matters of history. Australia badly needs population of the right sort. There is sufficient land on our continent, the best land in the world, on which to place a hundred thousand farmers per year for many years, if it could only be got at. What a grand thing it would be for the beautiful city of Sydney, and, in fact, all the cities and towns in the Commonwealth, if thousands of immigrants were pouring in every week as they are in Canada. Consider what a transformation would take place on the whole face of our sunny land. We can look in vain to the States' Governments to impose a graduated land tax that would be effective. Their Conservative Upper Chambers would block it every time. Therefore it is to the more democratic Federal or National Parliament we must look for our salvation. Alfred Deakin realises the position. He has said so many times. He knows that land monopoly is strangling Australia, but he does not appear to have the courage to tackle the question. The only political party in Australia that shows a disposition to fact the question of land taxation is the Labour party. They are in deadly earnest about it. I believe it is to this plank of their platform they owe their existence. If Alfred Deakin were to steal that one plank from them, and come before the Australian people next election with a graduated land tax side by side with a complete immigration scheme, I believe he would knock the feet clean from under the Labour party and win all along the line. The State rights and every other question fades into insignificance beside the land monopoly problem. Australia has been run long enough in the interests of the wool king and cattle rancher. The land is the source of all wealth, and it is only waste of time talking immigration until we have the land to put them on. I hope the electors will look at this matter from an Australian standpoint, and when election day comes round cast their votes in the interests of Australia quite irrespective of parties or petty parochial considerations. I am, etc.,

JOHN BUNCLE.

Narrogin, Western Australia, Dec. 2.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

ALBION PARK, Friday.

The Nattai Council and Shellharbour Council have signed the final documents relating to the alteration of the boundary, so that Macquarie Pass Range shall form the boundary between the shire and this municipality.

BREACH OF THE BETTING ACT.

WEST MAITLAND, Friday.

At the police court on Thursday John Bowen Gilligan was charged with a breach of the betting Act. Evidence for the prosecution showed that he laid £3 to £1 about Prince Foote for the Melbourne Cup, and refused to pay after the horse won. Defendant was fined £20, with costs, or two months' gaol. The police magistrate, on defendant finding sureties, made an order for the fine to be paid in three equal instalments.

THE CHURCHES.

ALBION PARK, Friday.

A Christmas tree entertainment in connection with the R.C. Church was held in the Agricultural Hall on Tuesday evening, and was very successful. The nett proceeds amounted to over £40.

GOULBURN, Friday.

The Rev. A. H. Tolhurst was inducted into the charge of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last evening. The Rev. A. J. Doig, interim moderator, received a presentation from the congregation in recognition of his services.

THE SCHOOLS.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

The children attending the various Roman Catholic schools in Broken Hill yesterday assembled and presented Bishop Dunne, who is proceeding to Rome and Ireland, with a purse of sovereigns, and an address.

COOMA, Friday.

At the Monaro Grammar School, on the occasion of the first speech day, the headmaster the Rev. F. T. Perkins, received presentations from the day boys and boarders.

WINGHAM, Friday.

The parents and children of Bootoowa tendered a farewell picnic to Mr. Cummins. Mr. Cummins has occupied the position of Public school teacher at that place.

MUNICIPAL.

SINGLETON, Friday.

Alderman Everingham tendered his resignation on account of ill-health.

THE HOSPITALS.

SINGLETON, Friday.

A cheque for £100 from Dr. Richard Read, of Sydney, has been received by the committee of the Dangar Cottage Hospital, being the second of three annual contributions on condition residents subscribe a similar amount.

GLEN INNES, Friday.

Mr. H. Simpson, of Sydney, has received the appointment of overseer of the gas works. There were 20 applications.

GULGONG, Friday.

The annual breaking-up of the mothers' meetings was held yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church. There was a very large attendance. Mrs. T. O. M'Creadie presided. The Rev. B. D. Morris addressed the meeting, and congratulated the members on the very successful year. Mrs. Morris distributed the prizes to the mothers. Mrs. M'Creadie presented Mrs. Morris, who was an energetic and willing worker for the society, with an afternoon tea set. The Rev. Mr. Morris presented Miss M'Creadie, the organist, with a gold brooch. The society was inaugurated about 12 years ago by Mrs. M'Creadie.

JUNEE, Friday.

Mr. Leslie H. Watson, of the A.J.S. Bank, Yass, late of Lismore, died at his parents' residence, Dalley-street, Junee, after a short illness, aged 24 years.

PARKES, Friday.

The Attorney-General has declined to accede to the request of the Parkes Farmers and Settlers' Association to take steps to secure the exemption of farmers and settlers from service as jurymen during the harvest months. The Minister points out that jurors are selected by ballot, in accordance with the provisions of the Jury Act, and there is no power to omit summoning for service any person so drawn. Application for exemption may, however, be made to the presiding Judge of a court to which a juror may be summoned, either personally or by affidavit. It is also pointed out that very few Courts of Quarter Sessions are held in the country districts between the middle of November and middle of February.

TAMWORTH, Friday.

At the Caledonian Hotel on Thursday, members of the golf club made a presentation to Mr. L. C. Daniell in recognition of his services to the club as honorary secretary.

URANA, Friday.

The National Bank of Australasia has opened a branch at Oaklands, the terminus of the Lockhart-Urana-Clear Hills railway.

WAGGA, Friday.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Murrumbidgee Co-operative Milling Company, the directors reported a nett profit for the past year of £11,567, which, with £1316 brought forward, made a balance of £12,883. It was proposed to increase the reserve fund to £7000, reserve for bad and doubtful debts to £500, and to pay a dividend of 7½ per cent., absorbing £1316, which would leave a credit balance of £11,216. The directors also propose to distribute, by way of bonus, to shareholders 11,141 of shares now unissued, which would bring the issue up to the full number of 20,000. The directors' report was adopted, and Messrs. R. F. L. Horsley and H. T. Davidson were re-elected directors.

THE RAINFALL OF SYDNEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The rainfall of Sydney is a matter of ever-recurring interest and importance, and, as the year is fast drawing to a close, I shall be glad if you will allow me to make a few observations in reference to the matter. It is usual to take the rainfall for the calendar year as a factor for comparison, and on this basis the current year's fall of 29¾in up to date, December 20, compares with a total fall in 1908 of 45½in. As the average fall in Melbourne is 24.9in, as compared with 47.4in in Sydney, it looks almost as if the coastal season in Sydney had been affected by similar climatic conditions to those of Victoria. If we take for comparison the seasonal falls for the winter, spring, summer, and autumn, we shall probably find that we have a better indication of the real position. Re-arranging, therefore, the figures for 1907-9, the following result will be obtained:—

	Inches. 1907-8.	Inches. 1908-9.	Inches. 1909.
June-August (winter)	9.80	22.14	7.26
Sept.-Nov. (spring)	2.80 (12.6)	5.16 (27.30)	9.54
Dec. '07-Feb. (summer)	10.5	10.81	
March-May (autumn)	7.9 (18.4)	3.58 (13.89)	
Total (inches)	31.0	41.19	16.80

From this table it will be evident that the spring and autumnal rains were light, but the winter and summer rains heavier. This condition probably always exists, with some variations. If we consider, as do some authorities, that a condition of drought exists in a country when the rainfall for a continuous period of 21 days or more amounts to one-third less than the normal for the season, then we must conclude that so far as the experience of Sydney during portion of this current year is concerned, we have been suffering somewhat from drought. The intensity of precipitation at times, however, may be gauged from the fact that in June, 1907, 9.14in fell in 24 days; 6.9in fell in February, 1908, in 16 days; and in July, 1908, 11¾in fell in 18 days; whilst in the succeeding month (August) the fall was 9.7in in 15 days. We have had no such heavy falls since. A writer in your columns early in this year stated that, as during December, 1908, great numbers of icebergs were sighted in unusually low south latitudes by ocean ships, and that the coasts in their vicinity being cooled by their presence rainstorms would be generated, and a rainy year might be expected. Prof. David has pointed out, incidentally, the effect upon the rainfall of Spain and Cyprus by the depletion of forests, and that the aqueous vapour swept away from a dividing range from which the timber has been denuded, may benefit some distant region to which the clouds may be swept a thousand or more miles before the moisture is precipitated as rain.

The facts, however, as to a probable wet year have not justified theory so far as the experience of Sydney is concerned, and Sydney is not alone. In Victoria the rainfall for October and November, both important months, was disappointing. In South Australia the yield of wheat is expected to be below expectations; yet in New Zealand the harvest promises to be fairly early, and very abundant. We do well, therefore, not to base the prosperity of Australasia as a whole on the seasonal experience of any one State, for Nature sometimes chooses to make up a deficiency in one place by excess in another. Similarly, we notice that in the experience of Sydney itself the deficiency in precipitation during the winter of 1907 was much more than made up in the following winter. As regards the demonstration of some species of periodicity in our weather, we may perhaps conclude that such periodicity does not yet appear to be clearly discernible, and the key to a succession of good and bad seasons has yet to be discovered. I am, etc.,

A. DUCKWORTH.

Dec. 20.

QUEENSLAND.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPOINTMENTS.

BRISBANE, Friday.

The following appointments have been made in connection with the Central Technical College:—Teacher of chemistry, etc., Mr. Henry Richards, B.Sc., Melbourne; teacher of physics, etc., Mr. Hubert May, B.E., Sydney; teacher of bookkeeping, etc., Mr. Edward George, A.F.I.A.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Friday.

The Zeehan Amalgamated Enginedrivers' Association has by a large majority decided to affiliate with the Federated Enginedrivers and Firemen's Association of Australia.

CASUALTIES.

KILLED IN A STORM.

Charles Scharff, an employee at Silvester's butchering establishment in Roberts-road, Enfield, was struck on the head on Thursday by a piece of timber, which blew off a shed, while he was working. His skull was fractured, and he died later in the night.

STRUCK BY A BOILER-PLATE.

While working at the Criterion Theatre yesterday James Greenwood, a drainer, aged 65, living in M'Lean-street, Paddington, was struck by a boiler-plate, which fell on him. He was taken to Sydney Hospital, and admitted by Dr. Barron, suffering from shock and contusions to the leg.

A PAINTER'S FALL.

Alexander Barker, a painter, living at 142 Enmore-road, Enmore, was whitewashing the ceiling of a house in Golden Grove yesterday, when he fell to the floor, a distance of about 9ft. His back was injured, and the Civil Ambulance took him to Prince Alfred Hospital, where he was admitted.

THROWN FROM A CART.

A cart was being driven along Bathurst-street yesterday by Roderick Kennedy, a dealer, living at St. John's Cross, when a horse shied, and J. Kennedy was thrown out. He was conveyed to Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance, and treated by Dr. Candlish for a scalp wound and some fractured ribs.

FOUND DROWNED.

Senior-constable M'Master, of the Water Police, found the body of a man yesterday floating in the water among the rocks at Berry's Bay. He took it to the Morgue. The body appeared to have been in the water about 12 hours, and the face and head were bruised with bumping on the rocks. Deceased was about 45 years of age, 5ft 4in high, of stout build, dark complexion, with a heavy grey moustache. Across his chest was tattooed an eagle feeding its young. In his pockets £1 4s 5d in money and a few other articles were found. The clothing was marked J. J. Lee. The body has not been identified.

MOTOR CYCLE AND CART COLLIDE.

Wallace Turner, 23, a mechanic, living in Devonshire-street, city, was riding a motor cycle along Cleveland-street, Redfern, at about 4 p.m. yesterday when he collided with a cart, and was thrown to the roadway. The Civil Ambulance took him to Sydney Hospital suffering from scalp wounds and abrasions to the face.

FRACTURED KNEECAP.

George Aplan, 49, a stonemason, living in Young-street, Redfern, was working on a building at Watson's Bay at about 4 p.m. yesterday, when a piece of stone fell and struck him on the left leg. He sustained a fractured kneecap, and was brought to town by boat and taken from the Quay to Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance.

A FATAL KICK.

GLEN INNES, Friday.

A young man named William Barton, aged 25, was kicked by a young horse at Stonehenge station on Wednesday afternoon, and died next day.

AUSTRALIAN HORSEMANSHIP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—When "Ex-station Manager," in your issue of yesterday, said many horsebreakers would question the value of my system of educating a horse, I must agree with him. I will go further than this gentleman, and say fully 99 per cent. of the horsebreakers would say it was "all rubbish." Even among horse-owners who have not seen its effects, there are many who would be inclined to fear that it was something after the "M'Gilvery method," and that horses treated by me would be "outlaws after a spell."

To this, Sir, I can only reply that the "proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof." Last April I spent a great deal of money that I could ill afford in order to place before the Agricultural Department absolute proof of the practical value of my system, showing that it was totally different to the methods adopted by the many "horse-tamers" whose circus tricks are mainly responsible for the survival of the muddling brutality of the system in current use. Mr. Perry had the emphatic assurance of some of the leading pastoralists in Australia—including an M.L.C. who breeds many horses—that my system should be taught to the "rising generation." In addition to this, he called for a report, from the Tamworth Stock Inspector, and finally Professor Stewart's report on my work was received. I could not secure a copy of this report from the Agricultural Department, but it was admitted in a letter to me from Mr. Perry that it was "very favourable" to my system. But Mr. Perry said, Well, if this system was taught, how would I know when someone would come along and say his was better?" Which brings me back to my original contention—"that there is no standard or publicly-recognised authority on horsemanship." Yet, surely this is most important both to the horsebreeding industry, those who use horses, and to our national defence. If the exhaustive tests to which I submitted do not establish me as an authority, competitions at agricultural shows would be the only means of demonstrating finally which was the best system.

"Ex-station Manager's" question as to how "safe yards" could be provided for the "number who would be competing," is easily answered. Before the show opened competitors could be required to undergo a preliminary test, as they do in musical competitions, and the two or three best selected for the final, which would take place before the public. As the leading horsebreeders are down at show time, a large committee of judges could be secured. A simple standard to set the judges would be, "Say which of the competitors you would select to break in a mob for you if you had to pay them so much a week and so much a head." Eventually, competitors at the Royal show could be only those who had won at country shows, and thus the young horsebreaker would receive most valuable education, and be inspired to excel. His ambition would then harmonise with the interests of the horsebreeder, instead of learning just enough to do the work in a "quick and dirty" manner.

If the Royal show committee care to do this service to the horsebreeding industry, I will build them a suitable movable yard without charge, which can be placed anywhere in the ring, and also a contrivance for placing in it any unbroken colt. To country people especially it will prove one of the most instructive, interesting, and novel items ever submitted; and I feel confident that Mr. Perry would do something on behalf of the Agricultural Department. I am, etc.,

GILBERT JEFFERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I think Mr. Gilbert Jeffery is very wide of the mark when he says there are few horsemen in New South Wales. I hold with "Australian" that there are plenty of horsemen in New South Wales, but they are not to be found in the confined cities in any quantity. Go to the homes of the Australian horsemen, and you will find them just as easy as you will find the "Domain dosser" in the city. But the horsemen in the country are not to be enticed to the city to try their skill at dodging brick and mortar, tramcars, and motor-cars. But they are quite willing to give you an exhibition of their skill at catching and handling a colt in the "round yard," or riding an "outlaw"—if they can find one—or the way to bend the brigalow when a mob of "hornies" are wanted on a particular "camp." Perhaps Mr. Gilbert Jeffery has never seen—as I have—some of the Monaro riders, or riders from Mudgee (where Mr. Dowling hails from), Dubbo, Coonamble, Bourke, Walgett, Angledool, Cunnamulla, Tamworth, etc.; nor has he seen C. J. Spratt (now stock salesman for the Farmers and Settlers' Association, Sussex-street, city) ride and handle colts, or his brother, James Spratt, Tom and Dick Guy, of Kayuga, James Lenahane, Sam Mitchell, Harry Khodenbach, Frank Gall (now in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Sydney). For a finished horseman, I think Frank Gall is as near the mark as it is possible to get. As a jockey there were very few to be found to beat him as a judge of pace, and then as a "breaker" and "handler" of young horses he displayed the patience and confidence necessary to inspire the untamed horse with confidence in mankind. Then as a driver he has no betters. He also is a splendid judge of a horse. Now, what is there wanting in this man as a horseman? There are scores of other horsemen I could mention, but space does not allow. I am, etc.,

J. WHITE.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 24.

Maheno, s, 5282 tons, Captain M. Livingstone, from Auckland, N.Z. Passengers—Misses Perrier, Donaldson, Harper, Leighton (2), Mansfield, Webster (2), Daldy, Preston, Astley, M'Donald, Dive, Liquesi, Skelton, Jones, Plummer, Bennett, Lloyd, Thornton, Sullivan, Hayes, Mesdames Withers, Harper, Dickin, Leighton, Slater, Webster, Campbell, Schneideman, Daldy, M'Cormack, Jacobs, and Lawrie, Messrs. Withers, Johnstone, Mordant, Hodge, Frost, Leighton (3), Slater, Campbell, Jenkins, Docherty, Schneideman, Daldy, MacGregor, Preston, Castelli, Docherty, King, Caddy, Skelton, Edwards, Plummer, Dickin, Walton, Symons, Steele, Lyons, Walton, Stanbrough, Ashwin, Robertson, Pike, Lawrie, Street, Gibbs, Campbell, Pinguit, Leighton, Taylor (2), Case, Fowler, Roberts, Dr. Foley, and 80 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Taiyuan, s, 2260 tons, Captain Dawson, from Hongkong, via Thursday Island, Townsville, and Brisbane. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cordin, Mesdames Bird, Hopcroft, Pain, Hamilton, and Jones, Messrs. Reid, H. M'Kill, A. M'Coy, Aird, and C. M'Williams. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Riverdale, s, 4206 tons, Captain Hay, from San Francisco, via Auckland. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.

Port Pirie, s, 4068 tons, Captain Jinman, from London, via Albany, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Gracchus, s, 3750 tons, Captain Hooper, from Calcutta, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Arch. Currie and Co., agents.

Jason, 7450 tons, Captain Steeves, from Glasgow, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, agents.

Hands Isle, bqtn, 261 tons, Captain Dennison, from Turua, N.Z. E. F. Beard, Limited, agents.

Solgran, bq, 336 tons, Captain Halliday, from Greymouth, N.Z. Union Box and Packing Case Company, Limited, agents.

Laura, bq, 332 tons, Captain Symons, from Greymouth, N.Z. E. D. Pike and Co., agents.

Cooma, s, 3839 tons, Captain Leslie, from Melbourne, en route to Townsville, via Brisbane and ports. Howard Smith Co., Ltd., agents.

Brundah, s, 884 tons, Captain Alley, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Yulgilbar, s, 779 tons, Captain Beach, from the Macleay River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Archer, s, 694 tons, Captain Nilsson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R.S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Karuah, s, 299 tons, Captain Phillipson, from Port Stephens, via Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R.S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Electra, s, 395 tons, Captain Atkins, from the Manning River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Moira, s, 2184 tons, Captain J. L. Ward, from Brisbane, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Corra Lynn, s, 151 tons, Captain Ferguson, from Manning River. Langley Bros., agents.

Commonwealth, s, 168 tons, Captain Driscoll, from Camden Haven, via Newcastle. John Breckenridge, agents.

Peregrine, s, 2062 tons, Captain Firth, from Melbourne. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

Nerong, s, 210 tons, Captain Nicholson, from Nambucca River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 24.

Plauen, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg, en route from New Caledonia.
Ulimaroa, s, for Wellington, N.Z.
Allinga, s, for Melbourne.
Vennachar, s, for Manila, via Newcastle.
Manapouri, s, for Fiji.
Kanowna, s, for Fremantle, via ports.
Coonia, s, for Melbourne.
Innaminka, s, for Cairns, via Brisbane and ports.
Moira, s, for Rockhampton, via Brisbane and ports.
Durham, s, for London, via Brisbane.
Kasenga, s, for Dunkirk, London, and Antwerp, via Brisbane.
Peregrine, s, for Cooktown, via Brisbane and ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 25.

Otway, R.M.S., for London, via ports; Orara, s, for Byron Bay and Coff's Harbour; Brundah, s, for the Richmond River; Kyogle, s, for the Clarence River; Hunter, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 24.

Manapouri, s, 2080 tons, Captain F. P. Evans, for Lautoka, Suva, Levuka, and Taviuni (Fiji). Passengers—Mr. Eyre Hutson, Mr. G. Neill, Mr. J. E. Plimsoll, Mr. Campbell, Mr. C. Ormond, Mr. J. Horler, Mr. Tarte, Miss Ada Weiss, Miss M'Lain, Mrs. Schierling, Miss Schierling, and infant, Mr. Choy Lin, Mr. Hang Joy, Mr. Levy, Mr. Denson, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. R. Mills, Mr. L. Hawlett, Mr. A. Williamson, Mr. W. Hogan, Mr. Eyre Hutson, Mr. Tarte, junr., Mr. Hunt, Mr. W. Pooley, Mr. W. Long, Mr. A. Oliver, Mr. Stuart Alexander.

Allinga, s, 2241 tons, Captain Brisenden, for Melbourne.

Vennacher, s, 4417 tons, Captain Gordon, for Manila, via Newcastle.

Satara, s, 3272 tons, Captain Hugill, for Bombay, via Queensland ports.

Otway, R.M.S., 12,077 tons, Captain Symons, for London, via ports, with passengers as published below.

ENTERED OUTWARDS.—Dec. 24.

Riversdale, s, for Guam, via Newcastle; Westralia, s, for Hobart; Manapouri, s, for Fiji; Peregrine, s, for Townsville, via Brisbane and ports; Cooma, s, for Melbourne.

R.M.S. OTWAY FOR LONDON TO-DAY.

The Orient S.N. Company will despatch the R.M.S. Otway on her second homeward voyage from the company's wharf on the eastern side of the Circular Quay at noon to-day, for London, via the usual ports of call. The following is a list of her passengers:—

Mr. M. Freedman, Mr. S. P. Mackay, Miss E. Mackay, Mr. W. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. S. Myer, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lassetter, Mrs. H. B. Lassetter, Mr. Colin R. Colquhon, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. N. Southwell, Mrs. Monger, Miss Monger, Mr. F. Giblin, Dr. and Mrs. Suzuki, Miss Salter, Miss M. Spier, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Officer, Mr. G. Stallman, Mr. and Mrs. Stary and two children, Mrs. Cole Baker, Miss Cole Baker, Dr. and Mrs. McCardel, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Marks, the Misses Marks (2), Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mr. R. Laffan, Mrs. Reid, Mr. R. L. White, Mrs. Macdonald and child, Miss Greenwood, Miss Irving, Miss Heath, Miss M. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Levinson child and maid, Rev. A. Henry, Mrs. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holding, Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Mr. John Hughes, Miss Holding (2), Miss Lorrimer, Miss Wonliss, Mr. F. Coen, Mr. J. Hughes, jun., Miss Grace C. Wallis, Mrs. John Armstrong, Miss I. Armstrong, Miss A. Armstrong, Miss F. Armstrong, Master Ford, Mr. Giles, Miss Davies, Miss Stark, Mr. R. S. Jack, Mr. C. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Hinchman, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Holt and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Park, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, Miss Thomas, Miss Page, Mr. Smith, Mrs. S. Melbourne, Mrs. Kirch, Master Kirch, Mr. R. G. Thomas, Miss Zoe Rundle, Miss Dath, Miss Byrne, Mrs. Sym, Miss Sym, Mrs. E. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Jack, Miss Rolson, Miss Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Mr. George, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Meldrum, Mr. L. Newbury, Mr. and Mrs. M. Zglinski, Miss Zglinski, Mr. A. G. Schacht, Mr. H. S. Schacht, Miss Ellen Green, Mr. Henningway, Mr. L. Gardner, Mrs. Bishop and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kemble, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Byrne and child, Miss Baird, Dr. Hawkes, Mr. and Mrs. Bonsfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bridger, Mr. Wernham Ryott, Mr. Goode, in addition to a large number of passengers for interstate ports and in the third-class.

OMRAH DUE TO-DAY.

The R.M.S. Omrah will berth at the Orient wharf, Circular Quay, on arrival at 1.30 p.m. to-day.

MATARAM SAILING ON TUESDAY.

The new steamer Mataram, built for Burns, Philp, and Co.'s Eastern service, will be despatched on her maiden voyage from Sydney at noon on Tuesday next, from the E. and A. S.S. Company's wharf, Circular Quay, in command of Captain J. Williams, for Singapore, via Brisbane, Cairns, Samarai, Port Moresby, Sourabaya, Samarang, and Batavia, transhipping to all Dutch East India ports. Her passengers are:—

Mrs. Walsh, Miss Walsh, Miss Walsh, Miss L. A. Peele, Miss M. B. Johnston, Mrs. Greaves and two children, Mrs. T. C. Naples, Mr. J. Hawley, Mrs. J. Hawley, Lieutenant-colonel R. J. Kennedy, Mr. W. T. Crenshaw, Mrs. W. T. Crenshaw, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. A. Wormald, Mr. L. Dawson, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Sydney Hayward, Mr. G. F. Harrison, Mr. A. G. Oram, his Royal Highness Sambwa of Hsipaw, Mr. A. C. Rentoul, Mr. L. Dawson, Mr. R. Berryman, Mr. Horace O. Steer, Mr. A. W. Tulley, Mr. H. Lambe, Mr. A. Forsyth, Mr. Crinnion, Mr. W. Reid, Mr. Jarrett, Miss E. Munday, Mr. H. B. Hutcheson, Mr. J. S. Duthie, Mr. Hartman, Mr. A. MacDonald, Mr. C. Macgruckin, Mrs. C. Macgruckin, Master J. Macguckin, Mr. A. MacDonald, Mr. Hugh Millman, Mrs. Hugh Millman, Miss Millman, Mr. St. Geo. Caulfield, Mr. J. Coleman, Mr. H. Edwards.

NEWCASTLE SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The following vessels were entered outwards at the Newcastle Customs-house yesterday:—Ormistan, s, for the United Kingdom or Continent, via Sydney, in water ballast; Kish, s, for the United Kingdom or Continent, via Adelaide, for orders with 200 tons bunkers.

THE KOMURA IN THE GALE.

Despite the fact that the steamer Komura, of M'Ilwraith, M'Eacharn and Co.'s fleet, was in light trim, and received the full force of the terrific gale that swept across the harbour on Thursday, she did not drag her anchors.

BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the condition of the various bar harbours:—Tweed Heads, bar 9ft, inner bar 7ft 10in, channel south very narrow and intricate, rise 7ft, crossing 8ft; Nambucca Heads, bar 7ft 3in at high water, south-east from the end of the breakwater, rise 3ft 6in; Bellinger, bar 7ft 3in at high water, crossing 8ft, rise of tide 2ft 6in.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Dep: Dec. 23, Friendship, s, at 6.15 a.m., for Sydney.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Arr: Dec. 23, Ramornie, s, at 8.10 a.m., from Sydney. Passed: Dec. 23, Friendship, s, at 1.45 p.m., south.

BELLINGER HEADS (280m).—Arr: Dec. 23, Our Elsie, s, at 3 p.m., Rosedale, s, at 4.15 p.m., both from Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (222m).—Dep: Dec. 23, Zingara, sch, at 5.15 a.m., Nerong, s, at 4.40 a.m., both for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed: Dec. 23, Ramornie, s, at 3.35 p.m., north; Zingara, sch, at 5.15 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT (167m).—Passed: Dec. 24, Tintenbar, s, at 8.40 a.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (157m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Ellerslie, s, at 5.30 a.m., for Sydney.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Dep: Dec. 23, Boambee, s, at 3.35 p.m., Corra Lynn, s, at 4.35 p.m., Electra, s, at 6.15 p.m., all for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (128m).—Dec. 24, Tuncurry, s, floated off the north spit and returned to the wharf. Too much sea to cross out. Paris, sch, barbound.

SEAL ROCKS (100m).—Passed: Dec. 24, Ellerslie, s, south.

PORT STEPHENS (88m).—Dec. 24, two ktchs at anchor in Nelson's Bay, at 8.30 a.m.; Alma Doepel, sch, at 7.30 a.m., Storm King, s, at 10 a.m. Passed: Dec. 24, Hawk, s, at 5.30 p.m., south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Boambee, s, from the Manning River; Hunter, s, from Sydney; Futurnina Fanny, sh, from Hamburg; Stormking, s, from Port Stephens. Dep: Dec. 2, Commonwealth, s, for Sydney; Stormking, s, for Port Stephens.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS (57m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Uralla, s, at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney.

NORAH HEAD.—Dep: Dec. 24, a 4-masted sch, flying OHP, at 9.30, for the south.

BARRANJOEY (19½m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Hawkesbury, s, at 8.45 a.m., Petrel, yacht, at 2 p.m., Runic, s, at 2 p.m., Federal, s, at 4 p.m., all from Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Dec. 23, a str at 0.45 p.m., north.

GABO (228m).—Passed: Dec. 23, a str, blue funnel, black top, at 5.40 p.m., north; Waikatipu, s, at 7.15 p.m., south.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Riverina, s, from Fremantle; Sirius, Norwegian bq, from Kaipara, N.Z.; Laira, bq, from Hokianga, N.Z.; Euryalus, s, from Singapore. Dep: Dec. 24, Baud, s, for Java, via Sydney; Riverina, s, for Sydney; Hellenes, s, for Dunkirk; Moyune, s, for London; Oonah, s, for Burnie; Wyandra, s, for Cooktown, via Sydney; Waremine, s, for Launceston; Toroa, s, for Stanley (Tas.).

HOBART (668m).—Arr: Dec. 25, Paloona, s, at 5.30 p.m., from Sydney; Marama, s, at midnight, from Melbourne. Dec. 24, Warrimoo, s, at 6.30 a.m., from New Zealand.

MACQUARIE HEADS.—Arr: Dec. 23, Waimui, s, at 6.5 p.m., from Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Dec. 23, Karori, s, from Strahan. Dep: Dec. 23, East African, bq, for Melbourne; Marmora, R.M.S., for London.

FREMANTLE (2466m).—Arr: Dec. 23, Murillo, s, at 3.35 p.m., from Melbourne; Tottenham, s, at 3.50 p.m., from Las Palmas. Dec. 24, Kyarra, s, from the eastern States. Dep: Dec. 23, Walbory, s, at 6.45 p.m., for the eastern States. Dec. 24, H.M.S. Powerful, for Colombo; Miltiades, s, at 6.40 p.m., for London, via South Africa.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

LONDON, Friday.

Australind, s, 4251 tons, Captain Hunter, at London, from Sydney Oct. 19, Melbourne Oct. 25, and Adelaide Nov. 22.

Departures.

Salamis, s (Aberdeen line), 4508 tons, Captain Schleman, from London for Sydney, via Capetown and ports.

Folmina, s, 3638 tons, Captain Van Eyken, from Cardiff, for Adelaide.

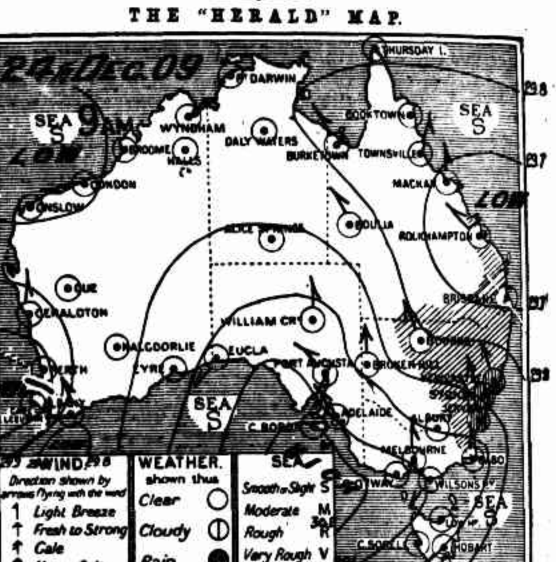
Thistleroy, s, 4027 tons, Captain Stanceley, for Adelaide.

Furth, s (German-Australian line), 4215 tons, Captain Saegert, from Antwerp, en route from Hamburg for Fremantle and Adelaide.

Ruapehu, s (New Zealand Shipping Company's line), 7885 tons, Captain Jaggard, from London, for Lyttelton, N.Z.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The disturbance responsible for the good rains over our eastern districts has moved still further to the north-east, while the high pressure has contracted considerably, and lost slightly in pressure values. The centre is still to the south of Adelaide.

Ocean Forecasts.—Stormy weather on New South Wales coast moderating.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Friday.

Sydney rainfall, average annual for 50 years, 4828 points.

Average rainfall for 51 years, from January 1 to end of November, 4548 points.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1909, to date, 2946 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1908, 4546 points.

Barometer at 9 a.m., 29.902; at 3 p.m. 29.935; at 9 p.m., 30.025.

Temperatures at 9 a.m., 70.9; at 3 p.m., 70; at 9 p.m., 68; maximum —; minimum, 55.

Humidity at 9 a.m., 82; at 3 p.m., 88; at 9 p.m., 88.

Wind, greatest velocity, 38 miles from the south-east.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

The rainfall registrations in New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.) will be found elsewhere.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALLS.

The following rainfalls were registered for 24 hours, ending 9 a.m. on Thursday:—

Northern.—Burketown 10 points, Musgrave 35, Fairview 38, Palmerville 75, Maytown 91, Walsh River 12, Grassy Hill 11, Halifax 45, Ingham 60, Geraldton, Cardwell 13, Cooktown 113, Townsville Pilot Station 41.

Central.—Bowen 121 points, Mackay 139, Rockhampton 191, Haughton Valley 16, Clare 15, Sellheim 14, Proserpine 108, Bloomsbury 185, Mirani 250, Flattop Island 1080, Walkerston 595, Collaroy 222, Emu Park 265, Yaamba 210, Yeppoon 080, Kabra 207, Gracemere 190, Stanwell 225, Port Alma 294, Keppel Bay 305, Yamba 45, Capella 205, Black Ridge 250, Comet 72, Bluff 119, Duaringa 147, Bauhinia Downs 37, Clermont 125, Dingo 150, Rolleston 25, Nebo 190, St. Lawrence 253, Marlborough 200.

Southern.—Westwood 200 points, Mount Morgan 142, Gladstone 251, Sea Hill 209, Bustard Head 91, Banana 72, Allora 46, Pratten 12, Gowrie Junction 30, Yandilla 28, Emu Vale 74, Dalveen 15, Texas 17, Cambooya 27, Bundaberg 19, Childers 25, Maryborough 41, Hawkwood 14, Nanango 44, Ipswich 11, Southport 15, Amby 30, Raglan 220, Miriam Vale 64, Rosedale 36, Gin Gin 25, Mount Perry 37, Dugandan 34, Kingaroy 65, Cooran 10, Pittsworth 26, Cambooya 27, Warwick 12, Killarney 96, Goondiwindi 10, Roma 15, Surat 42, St. George 93, Hebel 22, Nerang 13, Engelsburg 13, Beenleigh 30, Tallebudgera 20.

Metropolitan.—Botanic Gardens 35 points, Baggo Junction 64, Coorparoo 41, Goodna 10, Mayne Junction 45, Milton 62, Morningside 21, Murrarie 45, Pinkenba 140, Toowong 29, Wynnum 25, Yeerongpilly 95, Zillmere 14.

Late reports for 24 hours ending 9 a.m.—Balfe's Creek 140 points, Mareeba 10, Mount Garnet 65, Prairie 110, Torrens Creek 190, Emu Park 72, Gracemere 36, Moonmera 35, Pine Hill 60, Raglan 43, Rosedale 24, Goodwood 31.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Light to heavy rain recorded generally, north-east of a line joining Candelo and Wanaaring.

Victoria.—Light rain recorded at a few places in the western district.

South Australia.—Light rain recorded on the Mount Lofty Hills.

Western Australia.—No rain recorded.

Queensland.—Light to moderate rain recorded in coastal districts south from the tropic, and scattered along the southern border.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Showery at many places on the coast and central highlands, and at a few places on northern and southern, also one or two places in the central western district; otherwise cloudy to overcast.

Victoria.—Cloudy at scattered places in the western district and in the extreme east; clear or light clouds elsewhere.

Queensland.—Overcast, threatening in extreme south-east; threatening or showery in south-west; otherwise clear to fine, but cloudy.

South Australia.—Fine throughout; cloudy in the extreme south and south-east; scattered clouds or clear elsewhere.

Western Australia.—Fine and clear to fine, but cloudy generally.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Esperance Bay, 29.67; Eucla, 30.07; Adelaide, 30.13; Melbourne, 30.08; Wilson's Promontory, 30.09; Cape St. George, 29.94; Newcastle, 29.89; Port Macquarie, 29.77; Clarence Heads, 29.80; Brisbane, 29.76; Rockhampton, 29.61; Mackay, 29.66; Cooktown, 29.72.

TEMPERATURES.

Adelaide (for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.), maximum 72, minimum 58; Melbourne, 64, 54; Brisbane, 82, 57.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on December 24 were as follow:—Albury, 1ft 3in; Balranald, 1ft 1in; Boggabilla, 1ft 6in; Booligal, 1; Bourke, 3ft 8in, r; Brewarrina, 8ft 1in, r; Collarenebri, 1ft 8in, f; Condobolin, 11in; Dubbo, 1; Euabalong, 6in; Euston, 9ft 9in; Forbes, 1ft 8in; Goodooga, 1; Hay, 11in; Hillston, stop. running, Kunopia, 1; Louth, 2ft 6in, r; Menilla, 1; Moama, 10ft 4in, Mogil Mogil, 3ft, f; Moulamein, 1ft 3in; Mungundi, 6ft 2in, f; Narrandera, 6ft 9in; Pooncarie, 4ft 7in; Tilpa, 1; Tocumwal, 3ft 1in; Wagga Wagga, 1ft 11in; Wentworth, 6ft 8in; Wilcannia, 2ft 1in, f.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 6 P.M.

Tweed Heads, SSE, strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Byron Bay, SW, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, SW, fresh, showery, sea smooth; Port Stephens, SE, light, thick rain, sea moderate; Newcastle, SE, mod. gale, raining, sea moderate; Lake Macquarie Heads, SE, fresh, heavy showers, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, SE, fresh, heavy showers, sea moderate; Barranjoey, SE, strong, raining, sea rough; South Head, ESE, strong, thick rain, squally, sea rough; Wollongong, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Crookhaven Heads, SE, fresh, squally, showery, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, SE, fresh, squally, cloudy, misty, sea moderate; Ulladulla, S, showery, sea rough.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Still unsettled and showery on the coast and tablelands, but rain area contracting to the north-east, shortly becoming finer generally; southerly to easterly winds, warmer inland.

Victoria.—Fine, with cool southerly winds, veering to east and north later, with rising temperatures.

Queensland.—At first unsettled to showery and thundery in the south and south-east; finer later there and in the west and central areas, but rain again shortly over the peninsula and tropical coast; winds chiefly south-easterly.

South Australia.—Generally fine, with easterly to northerly winds and rising temperatures, followed by cooler weather over the southern areas, with south-easterly winds and a little thunder possible.

Western Australia.—Hot and sultry inland and north of tropics, but cool southerly change in the extreme south-west, gradually extending north and east, with some showers and thunder, chiefly confined to the western quarter.

Tasmania.—Fine and cool, with southerly winds, followed later by warmer weather, and easterly and northerly winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 25.

Sun, rises 4.42, sets 7.8; Moon, 5.44 p.m., 2.41 a.m.; Mercury, 5.33 a.m., 8.3 p.m.; Venus, 8.16 a.m., 8.58 p.m.; Mars, 12.36 p.m., 12.21 a.m.; Jupiter, 12.23 a.m., 12.46 p.m.; Saturn, 12.51 p.m., 12.28 a.m.

DECEMBER 26.

Sun, rises 4.43, sets 7.8; Moon, 6.51 p.m., 2.57 a.m.; Mercury, 5.37 a.m., 8.8 p.m.; Venus, 8.16 a.m., 8.58 p.m.; Mars, 12.34 p.m., 12.21 a.m.; Jupiter, 12.18 a.m., 12.42 p.m.; Saturn, 12.47 p.m., 12.24 a.m.

Full moon, December 27, at 7.20 a.m.

High water at Fort Denison, December 25 at 6.8 a.m. and 7.22 p.m., December 26, at 7.46 a.m. and 8.7 p.m.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

BULLI.—A determined effort is to be made to expedite the establishment of a sanitary system in the urban areas. The council is now negotiating with Sydney firms for the supply of a plant for this purpose at a cost of nearly £200. At the last meeting the council decided to pay £30 towards half the cost of a survey by the Lands Department of 1908 reservations along the foreshores of the shire. A report by the valuer estimated the rates for 1910 in a riding at £1425 15s 6d, B riding £972 17s 10d, C riding £1334 1s 10d, an increase of £963 11s 6d, but subject to appeals. The council has instructed its solicitor to recover arrears of rates amounting to £80 4s 6d, and extending over the last three years.

NATTAI (Bowral).—The council, having been appointed trustees of the area known as Wingecarribee Swamp, and containing 1170 acres, the question of supervision came on for discussion at the last meeting of the council. Councillor Knox (president) stated that hundreds of head of stock were at present depasturing on the swamp, and unless rain soon fell there would be hundreds more. As the cost of supervision would be no light matter, he suggested that the council should provide for same by making a small charge for all stock depastured on the swamp. After discussion a motion was carried to the effect that the council make a charge of 3d per head per week for all cattle, and 6d per head for all horses depastured on the swamp; that all horses or cattle must bear a distinguishing brand or mark, and that a description of same, with number of head, must be given to the council before they are placed on the swamp. It was decided to give owners who at present had stock on the swamps seven days' notice in which to pay for agistment or remove the stock.

MURRAY SHIRE (Mathoura).—Mr. John Macaulay, valuer, presented his valuation of the unimproved capital value of the rateable land within the shire, for the year 1910, explaining the basis on which it was made, and giving the value placed on the timber and plain lands in the different parishes. Some councillors considered the values were too low, but as they were uniform, and the valuer declared that he could uphold them in any court, the council adopted the valuation. The lists showing the valuation of each parcel of land as separately held by occupiers, owners, and lessees, show that the total value for the whole shire, in round numbers, is £1,189,500, as against £1,298,700 (approximately), the present amount.

WARRINGAH.—The following motions were unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Powell, seconded by Councillor Quirk, viz.: (1) "That the Postmaster-General be asked to attach a money order office to the Mona Vale Post-office." (2) "That a notice be placed on the Narrabeen bridges warning people against obstructing the thoroughfare by allowing vehicles to remain stationary there." It was decided to proceed against persons destroying the native flowers and trees on the land under the shire's control, and also to ask the Manly police to assist in this endeavour, on the motion of Councillor Ralston, seconded by Councillor M'Intosh. As the question of the control of the Mount Ramsay Estate is uncertain, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor M'Intosh, seconded by Councillor Quirk, "That the council should take action, as permitted by the Local Government Act, to secure undoubted control."

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Both Houses of the State Parliament sat all night, and after concluding the work of the session rose shortly before 8 o'clock this morning. The Factories Bill, Coal Mines Regulation Bill, Voting by Post Continuance Act, Appropriation Bill, and Motor Cars Bill were passed.

In the Factories Bill the Legislative Council declined to give way on its new clause providing that there should be no appeal to the Federal Arbitration Court from the determination of the Victorian Wages Board. After the bill had been returned several times, the Legislative Assembly agreed to accept the clause. The Legislative Council made several important amendments in the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, but agreed not to insist upon omitting the "bank to bank" principle. The Council inserted a new clause providing that within six months from the opening of any coal mine by the Minister it should become vested in the Victorian Railway Commissioners for railway purposes. This was accepted by the Assembly.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Friday.

In the Legislative Assembly last night on the supplementary estimates on the vote for railways, Mr. Philp, on the question being put, said the committee had already voted £1,500,000 for railways, and the vote before them would make about £1,880,000. It would be very unwise to spend so much this year. The Government ought to finish the lines already started. What benefit was it to go on with new lines until others were finished? There was the Port Alma railway. A vote of £40,000 was proposed for that railway. It went through the House on a very close division, and he thought a majority did not approve of that railway at all. He moved the omission of that item of £40,000.

On the question that the vote be omitted, the committee divided, and the motion was agreed to. The announcement of the division was received with Labour cheers. Mr. Hawthorne at once rose, and moved the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again next day.

After discussion on the question being put, that the committee have leave to sit the following day, a division was taken—Ayes 29, Noes 24.

The Premier was seen after the House adjourned, but all he would say was that the matter would be brought before the House again the following day. It is understood the Government will find means of submitting the matter to the committee again, and that some effort will be made to secure a majority for it.

Chamberlain's Tablets not only stimulate the liver, but strengthen the muscular action of the bowels, thus causing them to move regularly.—Advt.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS tones the stomach and helps digestion.—Advt.

THE SCHOOLS.

CROYDON PARK P.S.

The programme was drawn up and carried out entirely by the pupils, after which Mr. Henry Lord, who presided, gave an address. The head master, Mr. Dart, referred to the work of the year, and regretted the girls did not appear anxious to avail themselves of the liberal provisions made for instruction in cookery. The school had lost two liberal benefactors, and the State two of its worthiest citizens, in the deaths of Mr. W. H. Pigott and Mr. Thomas Hodson. The infants were made happy with three Christmas trees, decorated by Miss Grice (mistress), Miss Swann, Miss Gentle, and Mrs. M'Ardle.

ALMOST A MIRACLE.

BACKACHE AND KIDNEY DISEASE AT RANDWICK.

A merchant of high standing and also a Justice of the Peace, but who does not wish his name published, has communicated the following:—

"Suffering acutely from Kidney disorder and muscular Rheumatism—in fact, the whole system felt broken down—I consulted two eminent doctors, and also the best analytical chemist.

"These three scientific gentlemen analysed some water I handed to them, and each of them pronounced my case most critical. They made frequent examinations, and prescribed for my ailments. After months of treatment there was no improvement whatever, and they pronounced my case hopeless.

"The most distinguished doctor asked me if my will was made, declaring in a most solemn manner that I might drop off any day.

"A friend advised me to put the doctors to one side, and take a course of FISHER'S PHOSPHERINE. I did so, taking three doses every day, and in one month I again handed water to the leading doctor for analysis, and he assured me I was cured. Sincerely and truthfully, though nearly 60 years of age, I now feel like 18, and can eat all kinds of food night and day, and can sleep as soundly as a young child.

"I consider 'FISHER'S PHOSPHERINE' a marvellous medicine for BAD KIDNEY, MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM, and BACKACHE. It should be in every household."

At the cost of only 1s per bottle; four times the quantity 2s 6d.—Advt.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A very fair volume of business was effected on 'Change at the closing call of the year yesterday morning. Bank of Australasia shares advanced a further 5/, A.J.S. "B" Deposits eased /3, Newcastle Steam /9, Port Jackson Steam rose /6, and Fresh Food and Ice /3, other sales being at late rates. For City Bank of Sydney (old) 2/ more was offered, while bids for Sargent's advanced.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 23/; Bank of New South Wales, £51; A.J.S. Bank "B" deposits, 12/, 11/9; Port Jackson Steam, 49/; Melbourne Harbour Trust, 4 per cent. debentures, 1921, £99/15/; Sydney Ferries, 74/6; Fresh Food and Ice, 12/3; Bank of Australasia, £113/15/.

Closing quotations were:

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Price. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to investor.
STOCKS.							
N.S.W., F.S., due 1912	..	..	3	82½	82½	84	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	..	..	96	..
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	100½	100	101	3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	90½	90	..	3½
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	96½	96	..	3½
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	95½	95½	96	3½
Do., due 1923	..	..	3½	95½	95	96½	3½
Do., Act 1873	..	..	4	103	..	104	..
Do., Debentures	..	..	4	..	101	104½	3½
Do. T. Bls., 1911	..	..	3½	99½	98	..	3½
Ditto, 1910	..	..	4	100	100	..	4
N.Z. Deb., 1933	..	..	4	100	99½	101	4
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	101	..	102	3½
Q. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	100½	..	101	3½
Ditto, T. Bills	..	..	4	100½	100	101	3½
W.A. Inscr.	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Ditto	..	..	4	100	99½	..	3½
Aus. Gas D., '22	..	..	4	102	100	..	3½
City Syd. Deb.	..	..	4	102	100	..	3½
Col. Sugar D., '14	..	..	5	106	104	..	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	113¾	113	..	4½
Bank of N. Q.	7	2	5	40/	..	40/9	5
City of Sydney	8	8	3	82/6	82/	..	5
Ditto, new	10	8	3	76/6	76/	..	6½
Com. of Aus.	10/	10/	..	13/	..	13/3	..
Ditto, pref.	10	10	3	5/14/8	4½	6	5½
Com. of Sydney	25	12½	10	30½	31½	..	4
N. of Aus., ord.	8	5	6	5/16/	5/13/6	5/16/	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	..	12	..	..
N.S.W.	20	20	10	51	51	..	..
New Zealand	6⅔	3⅓	12½	9/3	9¼	..	4½
Q'land National	5	3	..	17/9	17/	18/6	4
Royal of Q.	9	6⅔	4½	5/2/	..	5/3/	5½
Union	75	25	14	67½	67½	67¾	5½
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank—							
Class B.	..	..	3	11/9	11/9	12/	5
Class B., 1917	..	..	3	11/7½	11/6	12/	5½
Class B., 1912	..	..	3	18/	11/6	..	4½
Ditto, Inscr.	..	..	3½	11/4	11/6	..	6½
Com. of Aus., Assets	..	..	3	17/9	17/6	..	3½
E. S. and A. Inscr., pref.	..	..	3	12/6	12/6	..	4½
Ditto, Def.	..	..	4½	18/	18/	..	5
Ditto, Deb.	..	..	4	17/9	18/	..	4½
Q'land National	..	..	3½	16/10	17/1½	17/6	4½
STEAM.							
Adelaide S'ship	1	1	10	38/7½	35/	..	5½
Bal. N. Ferry	1	1	10	32/9	32/	32/6	6
H. Smith, ord.	1	1	15	45/6	45/9	47/	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	21/3	21/	..	4½
Illawarra	1	15/	7	17/	17/	18/6	5½
Newcastle	1	1	6	23/	22/	23/9	5½
North Coast	1	17/6	8	27/9	27/9	..	5½
Port Jackson	1	15/	10	49/	48/6	49/6	3
Sydney Ferries	1	1	12½	74/6	74/	75/	3½
Union of N.Z.	1	1	8	34/	32/6	33/6	4½
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14	45/6	45/	..	4½
Col. Mutual	1	1	21	66/	..	66/6	6½
Mer. Mutual	1	6/	16⅔	17/6	16/6	17/6	5½
New Zealand	10	2	10	77/6	76/	78/	5½
Queensland	1	10/	8	18/3	18/	..	4½
United	10	2½	12½	6¼	5½	5½	5½
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/3	20/	..	5½
Australian	6	6	15	19½	19½	..	4½
Do., new issue	6	3	15	12¾	12¾	..	3½
Charters Towers	10/	10/	10	14/9	..	30/	6½
Goulburn	1	1	15	58/6	60/	..	5½
Grafton	1	1	8	32/	30/	..	5
Kat., Leura	1	1	7½	23/	22/6	..	6½
Maitland	5	5	10	9¼	9	..	5½
Manly	1	1	9½	45/	45/	40/	4½
Ditto, new	1	17/6	9½	40/	..	46/	5½
Mudgee	1	1	7	25/	25/6	..	5½
Newcastle	2	2	15	6⅞	6¾	7½	4½
North Shore	1	1	8	42/	40/	..	3½
New issue	1	5	..	23/6	23/	..	..
South Brisbane	10/	10/	10	..	21/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	10/	7/	10	..	..	..	..
BREWERIES.							
C. and W. Bros.	1	1	4	10/3	10/3	10/6	7½
Perkins'	15/	15/	26	38/6	38/3	..	7½
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	15/	15/1½	15/6	5½
Tooth's	1	1	10	42/6	43/	44/	4½
MISCEL'NOUS.							
Aarons' Ex. Htl.	15/	11/	5	5/6	5/6	6/	10
A. Taylor, Co.	1	1	10	28/	27/8	..	7
Aus. Hat Mills	1	1	7	..	30/	..	..
Aus. Newspaper	1	1	..	7/3	..	6/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	10/	..	16/	10
B.H.W. Supply	15/	15/	10	17/	17/9	..	8½
Brooks, W.	1	1	7	..	..	20/3	..
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	45/6	42/9	44/	4½
Ditto, 10/ paid	1	10/	10	25/3	25/	..	..
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	47½	47	47½	4¼
Dalgety, Co.	20	5	5	6	..	5/18/	..
Dunlop R. Pref.	1	1	10	29/	..	31/	7
Ditto, ord.	1	1	9	19/3½	..	20/3	..
Emu B. Rail	1	20/	10	4/10½	3/9	..	..
Emu P.G. R.M.	1	1	11	23/	22/3	..	..
E. Rich, Co.	1	1	..	13/9	13/	14/	..
G. Mort, Co.	35/	35/	13	56/3	54/6	57/	..
Goodlet, Smith	15/	15/	8	19/6	..	19/6	6½
H., Jones, Dev-							
Ditto, contg.	1	10/	8	14/	13/6	..	..
Hotel Metropole	1	1	8	26/3	26/6	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	21/6	17/	21/	..
R. Mackenzie	1	1	..	19/3	..	20/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	21/6	..	21/	..
M. Clark, Co.	1	1	..	25/	..	25/3	..
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10½	10	10½	..
Melb. Trams	1	10/	20	39/1½	..	42/	..
Mont de Piete	1	1	10	40/	40/	..	..
Mort's Dock	1	1	8	23/	23/	21/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	21/	21/	..	..
N.S.W. F.F.I.	12/	10/	6	12/3	..	12/3	..
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	23/6	..	25/	..
Perdriau, A.	1	1	10	30/	30/	31/	..
Ditto, B.	1	1	..	..	..	30/	..
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/9	..	..	..
Perp. Trust	10	5/	10	12/	11/6	12/	..
Pitt, Son, Badgery	1	12/	10	22/	21/	..	..
Q. Meat Ex.	1	1	3	..	24/	..	..
R. H. Gordon	1	1	10	..	24/6	..	..
R. and Wrench	1	1	5	16/3	16/	16/3	6¼
Sargent's, Ltd.	1	1	10	30/6	32/6	33/6	..
Silv. Trams	1	1	40	97/	99/	100/	8½
Stan. Waygood	1	1	..	27/	26/9	..	..
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	16/	18/	..
Sydney Exch.	10	10	6	12/8/	12½	..	..
Syd. Hydraulic	1	1	10	22/6	22/	23/	..
Ditto, contg.	1	10/	10	11/4	11/	11/6	..
S. Hy. and G.E.	1	15/	11½	25/6	23/	27/	..
W. H. Soul	1	1	15	52/	51/6	52/6	..
Wright, Heaton	2½	2½	10	42/6	40/	..	..
Wunderlich	1	1	8	24/	..	24/6	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	7	23/3	..	24/	6
LAND and BD.							
Haymarket	..	..	..	..	30/	..	..
Indus. Prov.	20	20	6	18	..	19	6¼
Interc. Inv.	1	15/	12½	30/	30/	..	6¼
Newcastle Bldg.	1	1	7½	23/	23/	..	6½
S. Aus. L.M.	7	1	5	..	10/	..	..
COAL.							
Abermain	1	18/6	15	31/3	31/6	..	8½
Bellambi	1	1	17½	48/	47/6	48/6	7½
Caledonia	10	10	10	12½	10	..	..
East Greta	1	1	10	27/	26/9	27/3	7½
Heddon Greta	1	1	..	5/	..	5/	..
Hetton	5	5	6	70/	71/	75/	8½
Metrop., 1 pref.	1	1	8	21/6	21/	..	7½
Ditto, 2 pref.	1	1	5	12/	12/	..	8½
Ditto, Trust	..	..	..	/6	..	1/6	..
Mt. Kembla	10	10	18	33½	33	..	7
Newcastle	11	10	5	7½	6½	7¼	7
North Bulli	1	1	10	24/	16/	26/	8½
Seaham	1	1	6	..	..	25/	..
South Greta	10/	10/	..	12/6	12/6	..	..
Vale of Clwydd	1	1	10	33/	29/	34/6	5½
Wallsend	10	10	20	26½	26¼	27½	7½
Waratah	6	..	..	..	1/8	..	..
W. and B. la.	1	1	..	12/	11/6	12/	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	10/	..	10/6	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	36/6	32/	..	..

†Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. *Plus annual payments of 38/8 per cent. ‡Ex dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—E. S. and A. Bank, £13; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 55/6, 56/3; Metropolitan Gas, £11; Silverton Tramway, £4/19/; Potter's Sulphide, 2/3, 2/2.

FINANCIAL.

ALLEN TAYLOR AND CO.

The half-yearly report of the above company covers the six months ended November 30. It shows a net profit for the period of £3965, which, with £2209 brought forward, makes £6194 available for distribution. A dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum was recommended, absorbing £3750, leaving £2444 to be carried forward. The following comparison may be made:—

	Half-year ended Nov. 30, 1908.	1909.
	£	£
Net profit	3,125	3,965
Dividend, per cent.	10	10
Amount of dividend	3,000	3,750
Forward	2,228	2,444
Liabilities—		
Capital paid up	60,000	75,000
Sundry creditors	12,302	4,156
Insurance fund	477	—
Assets—		
Mills, wharfs, etc	12,611	13,107
Vessels	18,275	22,600
Sundry debtors	31,179	29,289
Cash items	2,387	6,610
Stock	15,243	13,243

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLE NEWS.

The Bank of England return would be remarkable this week were not the causes that have brought about the changes been well known and normal. The effect of the holiday financing is writ large over the weekly return, otherwise there is no movement that calls for special notice. The "call" money market has hardened a shade, while the three months' rate is easier. The subsidence of the Berlin rate would seem to bear out our surmise that last week's figures were "mutilated in transmission." Consols have advanced 3/8, but Australian securities generally are much as they were, business evidently being stagnant. Bradfords tops were cabled firm, merinos being, however, quoted /½ easier, while crossbreds had improved /½. The wheat market is firm, with a holiday tendency. There is a good demand for Australian butter.

REAL ESTATE MARKET, 1909.

Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., report:—"There has not been any striking feature throughout the year to call for special remark, except it be that the more essentially waterside and surf-bathing districts have with greater readiness discovered purchasers, and at advanced prices. The expectancy expressed in former years that the city proper would benefit with the growth of inland or closer settlement and general prosperity in the country parts has in a measure found realisation in more numerous city properties having been disposed of, and we now have negotiations proceeding and giving reasonable hope of contracts early in the year for considerably over £100,000, while in addition thereto our company will be offering in February next some of the most central George-street lots, near G.P.O., submitted to the hammer for many years past. The untoward 'coal strike'—happily passing away—retarded operations at closing months of the year; but the future is bright with promise if all parties will combine to help to extend our great trade, and give permanent certainty of reliance to our oversea large customers for our primary products. The total sales reported in the daily press from time to time by agents doing business in city and suburbs (including one in the country) amounted to slightly over £1,500,000, and, of course, that is a long way from the grand total of results throughout the State, for many transactions, and some of magnitude, are not disclosed. The purchases and redistribution by the Crown alone for farm and stock uses, added to by subdivisions of private owners, must run into large figures. Approximately the above million and a half pounds were represented by—city £352,304, suburban £950,821, country £224,725, of which our company participated to the extent of £436,486."

ANOTHER PROPERTY REPORT.

Messrs. Hardie and Gorman report:—The total sales, from reports published by the different city and suburban auctioneers and agents, amount to nearly £1,500,000. The dissection may be stated as follows:—City properties about £400,000, country properties about £105,000, suburban properties about £940,000. The sales reported do not include those made privately by banks, mortgage companies, and some city and country auctioneers. Generally we regard the business for the year as very satisfactory.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Bank of England reserves in notes and coin were £22,799,000, as against £26,654,000 last week, and £19,358,000 last year. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is 44.89, as against 54.34 last week, and 38.30 last year.

The circulation is £29,083,000, as against £28,305,000 last week, and £30,035,000 last year.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes issued..	£50,868,000	Government securities	£11,015,000
		Other securities	7,434,000
		Gold and silver coin	32,419,000
	£50,868,000		£50,868,000

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' capital	£14,553,000	Government securities	£14,463,000
Public deposits	9,760,000	Other securities	31,209,000
Other deposits	40,086,000	Notes	21,785,000
Rest, 7 days, and other bills	3,183,000	Gold and silver coin	1,014,000
	£68,471,000		£68,471,000

MONEY MARKET.

The Bank of England rate of discount is now at 4½ per cent., to which rate it was lowered from 5 per cent. on December 9. The open market rate of discount for the best three months' bills is 3-16 lower at 3⅞ per cent. Short loans are ⅞ higher at 4⅜ per cent.

The market rate in Paris is unchanged at 2⅝ per cent., while in Berlin it is 2⅜ lower at 4½ per cent.

CONSOLS AND AUSTRALASIAN STOCKS.

Current quotations for the Consols and Australasian Government stocks, compared with those of last week and the corresponding period of last year, are:—

	A year ago.	A week ago.	Yester-day.	Rise or fall.
2½ per cent. Consols	83½	82 5-16	82¼	7-16 rise
N.S.W. 4's, 1933, Jan.-Jul	107	107	107	Unch.
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1918, Mar.-S	99	99	99	Unch.
N.S.W. 3's, 1935, April-O	87	86	86	Unch.
Vict. 4's, 1920, Jan.-July	102½	102	102	Unch.
Vict. 3½'s, 1921-6, Jan.-Ju	98½	97½	97½	Unch.
Vict. 3's, 1929-49, Jan.-J	87½	85	85	Unch.
S.A. 3½'s, 1939, Jan.-July	98½	97½	97½	¼ fall
S.A. 3's, 1916, Jan.-July	84	83½	83½	Unch.
Qld. 4's, 1915-24, Jan.-Ju	105	102½	102½	Unch.
Qld. 3½'s, 1924-30, Jan.-J	99	97½	97½	Unch.
Qld. 3's, 1922-47, Jan.-J.	85½	85	85	Unch.
N.Z. 4's, 1929, May-Nov	107	105½	105½	Unch.
N.Z. 3½'s, 1920-40, Jan.-J	98½	98	98	Unch.
N.Z. 3's, 1945, April-Oct	87½	86	86	Unch.
Tas. 3½'s, 1940, Jan.-July	97½	98½	98½	Unch.
Tas. 3's, 1920-40, Jan.-Ju	86½	85½	85½	Unch.
W.A. 3½'s, 1915-35, May-N	97½	98½	98½	Unch.
W.A. 3's, 1915, May-Nov	87½	88	88½	½ rise

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

General mercantile business yesterday was only nominal, and quotations were without change. The stocks of linseed oil on spot are light, and when the holidays are over and demand becomes again normal it is not improbable that the market will feel a strain. Fencing wires were firmly held, and for these, again, there is expected to be demand at the beginning of the new year, partly as a result of the extensive fence destruction wrought by the bush fires. A good deal of wheat was bought in the early part of the day in the country. Shippers were giving 4/0½ to 4/0¾, but millers' ideas extended to 4/1, and in some cases a trifle more. The amount of wheat bought this week in the country is believed to be almost without precedent in this State for the time of the year. The northern and western districts have already parted with a substantial proportion of their crops; in Riverina only a small percentage has yet passed to second hands. Flour quotations were unchanged at £10 for new season's, and £11 for old. Jute lines were extremely quiet and unchanged. Cornsacks were quoted at 5/10 prompt, and 5/7 ex Gracchus. Branbags on spot were worth 3/8. General produce business, both in Sussex-street and at Redfern, was of small moment. For the few working days of the year merchants will be busy in stock-taking, and in casting up accounts. On the whole the year has been a good one—a very good one.

BUTTER BOXES.

H. M'Kenzie, Ltd., write:—"During the last month or two there has been voiced in our daily papers and other publications complaints regarding the present ruling prices that are being demanded by our local manufacturers of butter boxes. The manufacturers have been accused of extorting undue profits from those compelled to utilise these boxes, but it must be stated at once that these complaints have been made only by people having a very superficial and onesided knowledge of the value of timber, and the processes necessary to turn out a satisfactory butter box. That the prices have been materially increased of late cannot be denied, but the increases in price have been caused entirely by precisely the same conditions as cause the fluctuations in price of the butter itself, as well as other commodities. The conditions causing the increase are, briefly, increased cost of production, increased cost of labour locally, increased demand owing to a good season, and the desire of the manufacturers to obtain a reasonable legitimate profit on the present season's output, in lieu of the great losses sustained in previous seasons owing to foolish and ruinous competition. If this reasonable profit is obtained it not only benefits the manufacturers, but also the users of this box, and the general public, by giving stability to the trade and a guarantee of a continuity of supplies; and surely in this business, as in other departments of manufacture and distribution, including the butter industry, it can be said 'the labourer is worthy of his hire.' There is a simple method for those interested in this industry to see for themselves what profits are really obtained in this boxmaking industry. It is a very easy thing to compute the superficial measurement contained in each box, and compare its value with the market rate of any ⅝in. pineboards obtainable in our market. The price per 100ft. super. obtained for the timber made up and delivered will be found to be equivalent to 18/ per 100ft. super. face, calculating the box at 1/6 each. This price will readily be acknowledged as a very reasonable price for almost any class of ⅝in. timber; and when one further considers the amount of labour that is required in making this box, the nails used, the loss sustained in crosscutting the timer to length, dressing this timber to an exact size, and branding same with different kinds of brands, in addition to the still further loss sustained by sun-cracks, splits, etc., caused by thoroughly drying this timber, which is most necessary, it is at once obvious that the price now demanded is rather under than over a fair market rate. The makers of this box also undertake the risk that no other class of boxmaking entails—namely, providing large stocks for seasons, the kind of which cannot be foreseen, and should a bad season come along it causes great losses in having an over-supply of timber, by reason of interest on money lying idle, additional insurance, rent, and the usual weather deterioration. It has been suggested that timbers other than New Zealand white pine should be subjects of experiment, with a view to its utilisation, if suitable, in this box, but up to the present, in spite of many trials, no timbers have been found so pre-eminently suitable as New Zealand pine, which timber is being used even in Queensland itself, where so many other pines are suggested as suitable. The price of our butter box also stands at a very low figure when compared with other cases in relation to the value of the commodity for which it is used, which fact is apparent to anyone with any knowledge of our local values."

At Darling Harbour yesterday 1427 tons of wheat and 98 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

The amount of wool manifested to arrive at Darling Harbour totalled 5030 bales.

STOCKS IN BOND.

The stocks of merchandise, other than wines, spirits, and narcotics, on December 24, also at the corresponding period of last year, and the movements of the week were:—

—	Imported.	Duty Paid.	Exported.	In bond a year ago.	In Bond Friday.
Hops, lb.	3,549	560	—	53,124	40,640
Candles, boxes	1,100	38	—	7,083	6,457
Milk, cases	—	—	35	4,301	5,094
Rice, sacks	1,111	2,181	100	32,647	23,135
Ditto, bags	7,829	1,710	1,883	27,174	16,979
Vinegar, casks	—	1	—	260	393
Ditto, cases	125	121	—	902	486
Galv. iron, cases	51	—	—	723	784
Glucose, casks	81	6	—	295	457
Ditto, cases	—	—	—	1,245	54
Salt, sacks	—	—	—	42,867	38,527
Ditto, bags	110	50	—	15,444	22,834
Rocksalt, tons	—	—	—	171	49
Cement, casks	—	—	—	2,325	2,068
Currants, lb.	20,000	9,790	—	221,426	452,559
Raisins, lb.	—	500	—	143,864	117,163
Dates, lb.	—	2,706	798	95,517	29,473
Other fruits, lb.	3,339	1,467	56	24,872	13,514
Coffee, lb.	9,155	15,709	400	85,880	117,250

The bonded stocks in sugar, in tons, compare:—

	Imp.	Duty Paid.	Exp.	In Bond.
April 30	52	1,176	267	21,323
May 21	24	1,335	361	16,516
June 4	1,555	1,361	630	14,766
August 27	3,632	1,157	443	12,295
September 17	6,178	1,034	1,178	17,876
October 23	3,063	1,685	244	22,104
November 20	3,803	1,660	357	25,506
December 10	10,208	1,350	515	32,891
December 17	568	8,651	511	12,421
December 24	6,509	1,136	930	36,675

The Millaquin and Yengarie Company quoted:—Millaquin 1A, £21/15/; ditto No. 1, £21/10/; ditto A/X (soft), £21/10/; ditto B/X (soft), £21/5/.

Prices for German 88 per cent. beet sugar, f.o.b. Hamburg, and first marks granulated, as cabled from London yesterday, compare with prices ruling earlier as follows:—

	German Beet. Per cwt.	Granulated. Per cwt.
Yesterday	12/3	14/2
A week ago	12/6	14/5
A month ago	12/7	14/7
A year ago	10/1	11/11
Two years ago	9/10	11/4

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2/0½ per ounce standard.

METALS.

Dec. 24.

Yesterday's closing quotations, compared with those of a few days ago, were:—

Copper, spot, b £60/8/3, s £60/13/9 (6/3 higher); three months, b £61/11/3, s £61/16/9 (8/9 higher). Electrolytic, £62/5/ (5/ higher). Tin, spot, b £152/15/, s £153/5/ (£3/2/6 higher); three months, b £154, s £154/10/ (£3/2/6 higher).

Pig-iron, 51/3 (/10 higher).

Lead, soft foreign, £13/5/ (about 2/6 higher).

Spelter, b £23, s £23/2/6 (3/9 lower).

BRADFORD TOPS.

The Bradford top market is brisk. Quotations are:—64's, /27½; super 60's, /26½; common 60's, /25½; 46's, /16½; 40's, /14½. Futures were unchanged.

WHEAT.

The wheat markets were quiet, with a holiday tendency, but prices were well maintained. January-February sailers were offering at 39/3. Buyers' ideas were about 6d less. Australian and New Zealand, on spot, have been practically cleared.

Chicago May wheat is quoted at 1.10 to 1.11½ dollars.

FLOUR.

Flour is slightly firmer. Australian patents in London are quoted at 31/6.

OATS.

The oats market is quiet. La Plata March-April shipments are quoted at 14/7½.

FREIGHTS.

Grain freights are steady. Sydney fixtures have been for January at 22/6.

BUTTER.

Butter is in good demand. Colonial arrivals by the Welam have been cleared. Choicest Australian salted and unsalted has been quoted at 106/ to 108/, secondaries at 100/ to 104/. New Zealand choicest is worth 110/, a few brands 112/; secondaries 102/ to 108/. Danish is quoted at 126/ to 127/.

Mr. M. G. B. Jefferson (representative Ellis, Kislingbury, and Co., Tooley-street, London) advises receipt of cablegram giving the position of the London butter market up to Thursday evening. Danish has declined one kroner, but quotations for Australian are unaltered from last week. Butters ex R.M.S. Macedonia, which left Sydney on November 6, have realised as follows:—Choicest unsalted, 108/ to 110/ per cwt.; choicest salted, 106/ to 108/ per cwt.; second, salted, 102/ to 104/ per cwt. The R.M.S. Orontes is due to arrive in London on Christmas Day.

SUGAR.

German beet sugar, 88 per cent. net titre is quoted at 12/3, and first marks granulated 14/2.

CHEESE.

Cheese is dull. New Zealand coloured is quoted at 54/, white 55/.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

BUSINESS QUIET.

The operations on fodder and grain lines were of a very small character. Practically all the markets were devoid of animation; the one which received most of the attention was potatoes. The well-graded descriptions found a ready sale, but buyers hesitated about procuring the medium and mixed lots. Maize did not show any revival from the dullness which has existed the last couple of weeks. Sellers of oats were allowing sales to go through at a fraction off the prices quoted, as there were good supplies on hand, and they were anxious to push one or two lines. Onions were still moving off without any particular hurry. The small and poor descriptions were hanging. Imported chaff was almost lifeless, and very weak prices were offering.

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Current quotations were:—

Maize.—Local: Prime yellow, 4/1; prime white nominal. South African: 4/. Victorian: 4/1 per bushel.

Barley.—Victorian: Cape, 2/9 to 2/10, choice 3/ per bushel.

Peas.—Tasmanian: Blue, 6/6 to 7/; grey, nominal to 6/6 per bushel.

Oats.—Tasmanian: White, 2/5 to 2/6. Algerian: Milling, 1/11 to 2/, feed 1/9 to 1/10 per bushel.

Bran.—Association price, £4/10/; pollard, £5 per ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—South Australian: £4 to £4/5/. Victorian: Wheaten, nominal to £4/5/; oaten, £3/10/; new seasons, £3/15/. Tasmanian: £3 to £3/10/ per ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £4/7/6 to £4/10/ per ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: Wheaten, £3/10/; oaten nominal to £3 per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Choice £3, brown sweated £2/5/ to £2/10/, inferior from £2 per ton.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Northern Rivers: £5 to £6. Tasmanian: New £6 to £7. Victorian: Old, £2/15/ to £3 per ton.

Onions.—Victorian: Globe, £5/10/ to £6 per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Quotations in this section did not show any alteration from the rates of the previous day. As was expected early in the week, the forced price of eggs was checking the consumption, and already a weakness was displaying itself. A reduction can consequently be expected after the holidays. Bacon and hams were still good property. Cheese was quiet; butter had a good local draw.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—First grade, 95/, good second 84/ to 88/, inferior 70/ per cwt.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /6, good /5½, soft new /4½ to /5, prime large /5½ to /6; special brands, /7 per lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders, /5½ to /6; bulk, /5 to /5½; special brands, bulk, /6; in 1lb prints, /6½ per lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /8 to /8½; flitches, /7 to /7½; middles, /9½ to /10; special sides, /9½; flitches, /8 to /8½; middles, /9½ per lb.

Hams.—Bacon hams, 1/ to 1/1; special double cloths 1/2 to 1/3½, single 1/2½ to 1/3½ per lb.

Eggs.—Northern river, choice /10 to 1/, rough /8 to /9; southern and railway, /10 to /11, choice 1/, to 1/2; suburban, new-laid, 1/3 to 1/4, few graded 1/5 occasionally 1/6; duck eggs, new-laid, /11 to /11½, choice 1/1 to 1/2 per dozen.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

There is still a good market for choice brands of honey; prices are steadily maintained.

Current quotations were:—

Honey.—Western, 60lb tins, choice /3½ to /3¾, good /2½ to /3; northern river, /2 to /3; rough and candied, /2 to /2½ per lb.

Beeswax.—Prime clear, 1/1 to 1/3; dark, 1/ per lb.

POULTRY.

Fairly large supplies of poultry were offering, and good sales were effected at about late rates.

The following prices were realised:—

Old hens, choice 3/6, good 3/; roosters, choice 5/6 to 6/6, good .. to 5/, small 3/ to 3/6; chickens, large 2/6, grillers 1/ to 2/; mixed coops, 2/3 to 4/6; English ducks, 3/ to 4/; geese, choice 8/ to 5/6, good 5/ to 6/; Muscovy ducks, 3/6 to 4/; drakes, 4/6 to 5/; turkey gobblers, choice 20/; good 12/ to 18/, light 9/ to 10/; turkey hens, choice 7/ to 10/, good 6/ to 7/; guineafowls, 4/6 to 5/6; pigeons, 1/3 to 1/6 per pair.

FIREWOOD.

A fair supply of firewood was offered at auction, and prices did not show much movement.

The following prices were realised:—

Best boxwood, 16/ to 17/, good 14/ to 15/; bakers' wood, 14/, good 12/ to 13/; ironbark and stringy, 10/ to 13/6 per ton.

AUCTION SALES.

REDFERN RAILWAY MARKET.

The market at Redfern on Friday morning was practically deserted by buyers, and it was with hard work that any goods were sold at all. Prices remained practically unaltered.

The following sales were effected:—

Chaff.—From Mutton, Coolamon (6606) p 3/11; Hurst, Bomen, (12151) 3/2; Lyons, Wagga, (14445) 3/1, (504) 3/2, (11206) p 3/1, (13179) 3/2, (8286) 3/2; Rowston, Ganmain, (8415) 3/8; ex Wagga, (9873) p 3/3, (11795) p 3/; Donaldson, Temora, (15280) 3/4; Hurst, Wagga, (9649) 3/2; Merne, Bomen, (x356) p 3/3; Pyle, Berrigan, (3568) p 3/7, (6717) p 3/7; ex Coolamon, (5167) 3/6; Brunskill, Coolamon, (8810) p 3/8; Hair, Coolamon, (2584) p 3/3; Evans, Ganmain, (11942) 3/3; Robinson, Grong Grong, (14153) p 3/8 per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Grange and Falconer, Singleton, (12736) p 2/7; ex Parramatta, (15247) 2/10, ex Rooty Hill, (650) 3/7; See Foam and Wing Lee, Tamworth, (11993) p 2/7, (14154) 2/7; Newman and Connors, Tamworth, (689) 2/3; Irvine, Moonbi, (6288) p 2/8; W. R. Wallace, Muswellbrook, (3720) p 3/6.

Lucerne Chaff.—5/10 per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Grange and Faulkner, Singleton, (11431) branded B 30 bags n 4/ 19 bags no offer; Swan and Murphy, West Maitland, (6193), Watson, 5/1, 21 bags Riches p 3/3, 9 bags p 3/5, balance p 3/1, (3856) 13 bags J. Lee, 5/6, balance 4/5, branded B 5/11, branded C 5/, (5192) 14 bags 5/2, 12 bags 5/11, balance 5/10, 13 bags 4/6, branded Watson 5/, 30 bags p 4/7, balance 5/8 per cwt.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

There was a very busy scene at Belmore on Friday morning, crowds of buyers bustling about to obtain the different vegetables, of which there was a good stock. Prices, however, showed a considerable drop. Cabbages and pumpkins still commanded high prices on account of their scarcity.

The current quotations were:—

Cabbages, large 6/ to 8/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/ to 3/ per dozen; pumpkins, large 18/, medium 8/6 to 10/, small 4/ to 6/ per dozen; lettuce, /4 to 1/; cucumbers, /6 to 1/3; vegetable marrow, 2/6 to 4/6; carrots, 1/ to 1/9; parsnips, 1/ to 1/0; white turnips, 1/ to 1/6; spinach, 1/; beetroot, /9 to 1/6; eschalots, 1/; leeks, /9 to 1/; parsley, 1/ to 2/; mint, 1/; herbs, /6; watercress, 1/ to 1/6; rhubarb, 1/3 to 2/; celery, 1/ to 1/6; radishes, /6; horseradish, 6/ to 10/ per dozen bunches; potatoes, Early Rose 5/ to 7/; kidney potatoes, 8/ to 14/; French beans, 2/6 to 3/6; green peas, 5/ to 8/; tomatoes, 2/ to 3/6 per quarter-case, 3/6 to 4/ per half-case; watermelons, 6/ to 10/; rockmelons, 4/ to 5/; onions, 8/.

FRUIT MARKETS.

There was a fairly steady demand for choice fruit, but quotations all round had an easier tendency on account of larger supplies coming forward.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Allsops, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/6 to 4/; Lord Nelsons and Mobbs, choice 7/ to 8/, medium 5/ to 6/; jam lots, 2/ to 2/6 per gin-case. American: Jonathans, 17/ to 18/; Winesaps, 16/ to 18/; Ben Davis, 16/6; Baldwins, 16/; Snows, 16/6 to 17/; Rome Beauties, 16/ to 18/; other sorts 15/ to 16/ per bushel-case.

Apricots.—Choice 3/6 to 4/, medium 2/6 to 3/ per half-case, good 4/ to 5/; jam lots, 1/6 per gin-case. Victorian: 4/ to 5/ per bushel-case.

Bananas.—G.M., 16/6 to 17/ per case, 3/ to 9/ per bunch. Fiji: 15/ to 16/ per case, 2/ to 7/ per bunch. Loose 7/6 to 8/6 per case. Queensland: 10/ to 11/ per case, 1/6 to 4/ per bunch.

Cherries.—Local: Choice 5/, good 3/ to 4/, small 2/ per quarter-case, 1/6 to 4/ per box. Victorian: Choice 4/ to 5/, small 2/ to 3/6 per quarter-case.

Grapes.—Queensland: Choice whites, 4/ to 5/ per 12lb box.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian: Choice 5/ to 6/. South Australian: 4/ to 4/6 per half-bushel case. Locals: 3/ to 4/ per quarter-case.

Lemons.—Local: Choice 8/ to 9/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 3/ to 4/ per gin-case. Italian: 12/ per half-case.

Oranges.—Local: Choice 14/ to 16/, medium 7/ to 9/, rough 3/ to 4/; second crop, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case; Jaffa oranges (Jerusalem), 16/ per case of 180. Italian: 14/ per case.

Nectarines.—Choice 6/ to 7/, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 1/6 to 2/ per half-case.

Plums.—Local: Cherry plums, choice coloured 3/ to 3/6 per half-case, medium 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case. Angelinas, choice coloured 4/6 to 5/ per half-case, medium 5/ to 6/ per gin-case; Japs, choice coloured 3/ to 3/6 per half-case. Bully's, choice 7/ to 8/, medium 4/6 to 5/; jam lots, dark 3/6, light 2/6 per gin-case.

Pears.—Local: Jargonelles, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 2/6 to 3/6 per gin-case.

Peaches.—China: Choice 3/ to 3/6, medium 2/ to 2/6 per half-case, small 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case; slipstones choice 8/ to 9/, medium 3/6 to 5/ per half-case, small 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case; Devlin's, choice 4/6 to 5/, medium 2/ to 3/6 per half-case, small 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case.

Rockmelons.—Queensland: 4/ to 6/ per double-case.

Strawberries.—Local: Nominal.

Pineapples.—Queensland: Common and Ripleys, choice 6/ to 7/6, good 4/ to 5/, small 3/; choice Queens, 9/ to 10/, good 7/6 to 8/ per case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice coloured 4/6 to 5/, medium 2/6 to 3/6 per half-case; green, choice 3/ to 3/6, medium 2/ to 2/6 per half-case.

Watermelons.—Queensland: Large 10/ to 12/, medium 6/ to 8/ per dozen.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following truckings have been ordered for the forthcoming sales:—December 30, 461 sheep vans and 231 cattle waggons; January 6, 460 sheep vans and 134 cattle waggons.

PROPERTY MARKET.

Towards the close of the week the letting departments were rushed by holiday tenants. Seaside property received good attention, whilst suburban property found a ready buyer, provided that the blocks occupied a fairly good position. Mountain lots brightened up a good deal. The turnover, despite the effects of depression through the strike, was of satisfactory dimensions.

Messrs. Arthur Rickard and Co., Limited, report having sold by private treaty during the past week land on various estates as follows:—Lot 3 of section 54A, Narrabeen Lakes estate (lake frontage), Narrabeen, £53; lot 56 of section 1, Dellwood Park estate (first subdivision), Granville, £16; lot 4 of section 3, Restwell estate, Ettalong Beach, Woy Woy, £35; lot 35, at 85/ per foot, £170; lot 45, Key of Cronulla estate, Cronulla, at 40/ per foot, £80; lot 30, section 3, at 70/ per foot, £216; lots 33 and 34, section 2, at 70/ per foot, £330; lot 15 of section 1, Kamiesla Heights estate, Bellevue Hill, at 65/ per foot, £195; lot 11, Tomah estate, Carlingford (orchard blocks), £51; lot 15 of section 3, Bankstown Farmlets estate, Bankstown (4-acre block), £44; lot 44 of section 3, Nash's estate, Mortlake, £22/10/; lots 24 and 25 of section 11, Dellwood Park estate (second subdivision), Granville, £28; lots 42 and 43 of section 3, Nash's estate, Mortlake, £28 each; lot 17 of section 67, Riverside Heights estate, Newington (adjacent to the new Abattoirs at Homebush Bay), £30; lot 12 of section 2, Arabi Hills estate, Croydon, £35; lot 40, Tableland estate, Willoughby, £28; lot 17, 37/6 per foot, £94; lot 36, Cardigan estate, Rose Bay, at 37/6 per foot, £94; lot 13 of section 11, Kensington estate, Kensington, at 55/ per foot, £138; lot 58 of section 4, Greenacre Park estate, Bankstown, £41.

Messrs. Hardie and Gorman have sold by public auction and private treaty during the week the following:—City: Warehouse premises, No. 148 Clarence-street, for £3500. Centennial Park: Building block, fronting Lang-road, at £20 per foot—£1000. Darlinghurst: Residence, No. 41 Bayswater-road, for £900. Redfern: House, fronting Kepos-street, for £625. Burwood: Block of land, fronting Gordon-street, for £225. Official assignee's right, title, and interest (if any) in and to certain matters in the bankrupt estate of W. B. Fitzgerald, for £20; official assignee's right, title, and interest (if any) in and to land at Goulburn, bankrupt estate of J. J. Futton, £10.

Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., report having sold during the week the following properties, viz.:—Darlinghurst: Terrace of three houses, Bayswater-road (leasehold), for the sum of £1000; eight allotments, comprising the whole of the Queenscliff Headland Estate subdivision, Manly, for the sum of £2008/10/; allotment, Waitara Estate, Waitara, for £150; three allotments, Macdonald Estate, Lakemba, for £110/10/; also, having leased a large block of the Harris Estate, Ultimo, at a satisfactory figure; and in conjunction with Raine and Horne, have leased two portions of the Athlone-place resumption area for £77/10/ and £93 per annum respectively.

FORTHCOMING SALES.

Katoomba.—Messrs. Piercy Ethell and Co. will sell a large selection of mountain week-end allotments, occupying good views, on Boxing Day. The sale will begin at 3 o'clock.

"WIRELESS" FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

The work of bringing the islands of the Western Pacific into closer touch one with another, and of bringing the group into closer touch with the Governments of the Commonwealth and of New Zealand, has been advanced a stage by a conference which sat in Melbourne during the last 10 days. A report, to which recommendations have been attached, has been drawn up for the information of the Governments of the Commonwealth, of New Zealand, and of Fiji, and this may be the basis of the establishment of a wireless system in the not-distant future.

The conference was composed of the following:—Chairman, the Postmaster-General (Sir John Quick); Sir Robert Scott, Secretary to the Central Postal Administration; Mr. J. Hesketh, Chief Electrical Engineer; Lieutenant G. D. Fanshawe, representing the Admiralty; Mr. E. Huston, Colonial Secretary, Fiji, representing the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific; Mr. J. K. Logan, Superintendent of Electric Lines, New Zealand; Mr. Atlee Hunt, representing Department of External Affairs; Captain Tickell and Colonel M'Cay, representing the Defence Department; and Mr. J. C. Millward, representing the Pacific Cable Board.

It is stated that the chain of communication will probably be in the form of a rough square, commencing at Sydney, and running northward through Southport or a more northerly point on the Queensland coast to Papua, thence by the Solomon Islands or the New Hebrides to Fiji, through Tonga to Doubtless Bay, on the New Zealand coast, and back to Sydney.

SORES QUICKLY CURED.

REXONA AGAIN EFFECTIVE AT BALMAIN.

"I certainly think Rexona is an excellent remedy to have in the home for family use," writes Mrs. Burnicle, 70 Reynolds-street, Balmain, N.S.W. "Recently I had the misfortune to have a bad sore on my heel through a bothersome boot. The sore got very bad, and I suffered with it for three weeks, and it showed no signs of improving until I tried Rexona. This Ointment cured it in two days' time, healing it and drying it up so that it dropped off. I also had an opportunity of testing it when my son was troubled with a sore toe. He applied the Rexona promptly, according to my directions, and with equally beneficial results. I can highly recommend Rexona as a household remedy."

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MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

The operations of the Sydney Stock Exchange for the present year were brought to a close yesterday morning, the members adjourning over the Christmas and New Year holidays, until January 6.

The last few weeks have been an anxious time to scrip-holders and mining speculators, owing to the coal strike, primarily, whilst the water famine at Broken Hill is becoming so pronounced that unless rain comes soon some of the mines may possibly be involved in loss through having to cease production.

It is sincerely to be hoped that this eventuality will not be reached. But the possibility of such a thing happening has had a restrictive effect upon market operations, whilst our Broken Hill correspondent states that the shortage of water has brought prospecting operations to a close on several "outside shows."

It certainly accentuates the fact that a great injustice was inflicted upon the people of Broken Hill when Parliament decided not to carry out the Umberumberka water supply scheme. It does seem an anomalous state of affairs that one of the greatest silver fields in the world, and one that is destined to become the largest zinc-producer in either hemisphere, should be subject to periodical disruption of its important metal-producing industry simply because Parliament has failed to make provision to store the water that falls from the heavens.

It, therefore, speaks volumes for the soundness of the mining industry, especially the silver-lead-zinc and the copper-gold branches, that share values have been exceedingly well maintained, despite the depressing influences at work during the past month. One of the factors that has led to this firmness is the slightly better tone of the London metal market for both copper and lead, with zinc holding a strong position. Though silver has not recovered in price to any extent, the reported heavy purchases of the white metal by China are held to be the cause of the recent slight improvement.

Given steady copper values, and an average of, say, £60 a ton maintained, the coming year will see an increase in copper production, due not only to several Queensland properties reaching a productive stage, but to extended operations by New South Wales mines, whilst the developments on the new copper field at Mount Balfour (Tasmania) are of a very encouraging nature. Whether or not Mount Balfour will turn out another Mount Lyell it is too early to say, but the prospects are certainly most encouraging.

In the gold-mining industry of New South Wales it looks as if the mother State is about to enter upon a new era of prosperity in connection with the exploitation of the alluvial deposits covered up by the great lava streams that flowed in the period of volcanic activity.

The operations of the Main Deep Lead Company on one of these submerged, ancient river beds in the Rockley district are pregnant with great potentialities, because once it has been proved that this pre-volcanic gold deposit carries payable gold it will open up a field for the winning of immense gold values, besides directing attention to other portions of the State in which exist similar ancient gold-bearing river beds. It will certainly be an important day for the mining industry of this State if it is shown that she possesses deep alluvial leads equally as good as those that have yielded so much hidden wealth to Victoria.

Coming back to the market operations of yesterday morning, it was gratifying to holders of silver and copper shares to find that the tone of the market showed firmness, and that both gold and tin shares finished up the year's business with a promising outlook for the coming New Year.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	0 1 7	0 1 8
Canbelego, paid	—	0 4 0
Chillagoe, contributing	0 3 10	0 4 0
Cobar Gladstone	0 1 0	—
Great Fitzroy	1 5 6	—
Kangiara Mines	1 10 0	2 0 0
Ditto, contributing	—	1 16 0
Kangiara Proprietary	0 3 0	0 3 2
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 0
Kyloe	1 0 0	1 0 6
Ditto, preference	1 2 6	—
Kooira Mines	0 8 0	0 10 0
Ditto, contributing	0 7 0	0 9 0
Lloyd Copper	—	0 2 7
Lobb's Hole, contributing	—	0 4 6
M'Gregor Cloncurry, paid	0 2 0	—
Mount Elliott	3 13 6	3 14 6
O.K.	0 1 7	0 1 9
Queen Bee	0 3 4	0 3 10
Tolwong Minerals	—	0 17 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	2 3 6	2 4 3
TIN.		
Briseis	0 7 0	—
Gilmore	0 0 8	0 0 9
Vegetable Creek	0 5 2	—
Vulcan	0 2 3	—
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 4 0	1 4 6
Ditto, Privileged	1 1 6	1 2 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 1 6	2 2 0
Ditto Block 14, preference	0 10 0	0 10 9
B.H. Junction	0 7 3	0 7 6
B.H. Junction North	1 19 0	1 19 6
B.H. North	4 16 0	—
B.H. South	5 16 0	5 16 9
B.H. South, contributing	5 11 6	—
B.H. South Blocks	1 12 3	1 12 6
Sulphide Corporation, ord.	1 0 3	1 0 9
Sulphide Corporation, pref.	1 10 0	1 12 0
Amalgamated Zinc	1 3 6	1 4 6
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Gold Hill, contributing	0 2 10	0 3 3
Harden	—	1 6 6
Harden Central, paid	—	0 0 9
Main Ridge Deep Lead	—	0 14 3
Ditto, contributing	—	0 13 0
Mount David	0 1 4	0 1 6
Occidental, ex. div.	0 13 0	—
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Central	0 1 0	—
Araluen Redbank	—	0 8 3
New Wylie Creek	—	0 1 7
Ovens Valley	—	0 5 6
Stanthorpe	0 3 0	—
Tongkah Harbour Tin	1 13 3	1 13 9
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Band of Hope	—	0 2 0
Bonnie Dundee	—	0 3 6
Brilliant Block	—	0 7 6
Ditto, contributing	0 3 0	0 4 0
Brilliant Central	—	0 2 6
East Mexican, paid	—	0 2 3
Marshall's Queen	—	0 3 6
Mount Morgan	3 11 0	3 12 6
Western Australia.		
Black Range	2 16 0	2 18 0
Black Range West, contributing	0 2 0	0 2 6
Great Boulder, No. 1	—	0 5 0
Kalgurli South	0 15 0	0 16 0
Sandstone Development	0 4 8	0 4 10

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Budgery Mines, 1/6, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/8; Great Fitzroy, 26/6; Kyloe Copper, ord., 20/.

Silver.—B.H. Junction North, 39/3; Sulphide Corporation, ord., 20/6.

Gold.—Sandstone Development, 4/9, 4/8, 4/7; six weeks, 4/8, 4/7; Kulamadau, contg, 2/6.

Tin.—Tongkah Harbour Tin, 33/6, 33/9; Vulcan Tin, 2/5.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 41/3, s 42/6; British Broken Hill, b 24/, s 25/; B.H. Block 10, b 76/3, s 78/9; B.H. North, b 96/3, s 98/9; B.H. South, paid, b £5/16/3, s £5/18/9.

A private cable message states that among the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Thursday were the following "middle" prices:—Broken Hills, 41/6; B. H. Norths, 98/9; B. H. Block 10, 76/3; Great Fitzroy, 27/3; B. H. South, paid, £5/16/10½; B. H. South Blocks, 32/3; British (old), 24/3; Mount Elliott, 73/9; Briseis, 7/6; Mount Lyells, 38/; Zinc, ord., 10/10½; ditto, pref., 47/6; Oroya B. Range, 14/; L. V. Consols, 16/6; Sons of Gwalia, 37/; Great Cossols, 4/1; South Kalgurli, 15/3.

Other quotations (buyers):—Broken Hills, 41/6; B. H. Norths, 96/3; Sulphides, 19/9; British (old), 24/; B. H. South, paid, £5/16/9; Block 10, 74/4½; South Blocks, 32/; Zinc, ord., 10/9; Block 14, ord., 10/6; Mount Lyells, 36/; Mount Morgans, 70/7½; Mount Elliotts 73/1½.

MINING NOTES.

The Araluen Redbank dredge won 74oz 14dwt for a run of 133 hours.

The Great Britain Tin Company reports a yield of 6 tons for a run of 258 hours.

The approximate clean up of the Pioneer Tin-mining Company (Tas.) for the six weeks ended December 18 was 70 tons of stream tin.

The No. 2 dredge of the Tingha Tin Dredging Company sluiced 298 hours last month, for 6½ tons of tin.

During the week ended December 18 the Hercules mine (Tas.) despatched 172 tons of zinc-blende ore to Burnie, and 120 tons to the Williamsford mill.

The Victory Company (C.T.) crushed 160 tons for 305oz of gold. The concentrates and residues have yet to come. The South Glanmire and Monkland Company (Gympie) reports as follows:—"Inglewood Reef, 1056 tons, for 417oz of gold. No. 1 reef, 16 tons, for 11oz retorted. Plates, 150oz retorted. Total smelted, 568oz 11dwt gold."

The Black Swamp dredge, the property of the Torrington Swamps Company, is now being re-erected on a new site, from which intact ground can be worked. Up to the present the plant has been cutting through old worked ground, with the object of excavating a suitable back dam. This has now been completed, and early in the new year the plant will be operating on good sluicing ground.

At the Vegetable Creek tin mine the No. 2 drive is now in 40ft, the country being the hard slate bottom characteristic of the Rose Valley country. From the dip of the bottom in the No. 1 drive, 18ft above, this level should meet the gutter at 150ft from the shaft. This work should be completed within three weeks.

At the Silent Grove (Adelong), owned by the Australasian Exploration and Development Company, the workings are being cleaned out, and further exploration work done. As a result of this, a new main shaft is to be sunk, from which the lode so phenomenally rich in the shallower ground will be tested on its dip.

Boring at the Stannum dredging area, the property of the Torrington Swamps Company, has been completed with satisfactory results, and an electrically-operated sluicing plant designed. This plant will be a new departure in tin-dredging. A permanent power station will be established, and the individual units of the sluicing plant operated by separate motors.

At the Kangaroo Flat prospecting area the old Fishing Grounds tunnel has been cleaned out. This tunnel is in 1055ft, and there are several cross drives. A large body of wash is exposed, but values are low. However, all previous work appears to have been done on the south rim of the gutter. Crosscutting is now in progress to further explore this deep lead, as geological evidence points to it being the old outlet of Vegetable Creek.

The fortnightly report of the Broken Hill Junction North Company states:—"At No. 11 level the main drive timbers were extended north 12ft. The winze at 1115ft was sunk 10ft and timbered. At No. 13 level the main western crosscut for the lode was driven 11ft, and will be resumed in about three weeks' time. In the meantime the shaft timbering to 1334ft level is being completed, to allow the cages to work to that depth. The plat set has been set up and completed, and the pump sumph arrangements are in hand. At No. 11 level a large tonnage has been provided during the past fortnight, amounting to 3539 tons. Productions from the levels was:—From No. 9 level, 201 tons, average assay 18.4 per cent. lead, 11.8oz silver, and 10.5 per cent. zinc. From No. 10 level, 868 tons, average assay 16.2 per cent. lead, 11.3oz silver, and 9.9 per cent. zinc. From No. 11 level, 1792 tons, average assay 15.1 per cent. lead, 11.2oz silver, and 9.0 per cent. zinc. Despatches for the fortnight were 913 tons. During the stoppage at the end of the month all boilers will be overhaulted and tested, and a general overhaul of all plant will be conducted. The sand vanner frames are being erected on the new floor. The screen floor of the Rhodonite system is being extended for the additional screens.

MINING IN THE STATE.

FOREST REEFS, Friday.

At Kerr's Creek, where mining has engaged some attention, Mr. F. C. Collins, late director of the Ballarat mine, had a crushing of five tons, which produced gold to the value of over £20.

The Cadia Hills Gold Mine stopped temporarily through the water for the crushing plant running low. The creek is now rising, owing to the rain.

Mr. J. Roppmeester and party, who have been for some time prospecting on the flats of the Belubula River, struck a patch of wash dirt, not more than a few loads, which gave them 87oz.

MAIN RIDGE DEEP LEAD.

ROCKLEY, Friday.

At the Main Ridge Deep Lead, the water supply for crushing purposes does not suffice to run the battery for more than eight hours per day, and owing to the water being very impure through lying stagnant, and the presence of much vegetable matter, difficulty was experienced. The recent heavy rain will remove this, and permit of a better supply of pure water. It is not probable that a clean up will take place until after the holidays. The battery is running smoothly. The completion of a large storage dam for battery purposes, which will have a holding capacity of many millions of gallons, is now being put in hand. Work at the mine will not be resumed until January 4.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

The B.H. Block 10 mill treated 2136 tons crudes last week, and produced 427 tons of concentrates, assaying 60.7 per cent. lead, 35.2oz silver, and 7.6 per cent. zinc. The fortnight's despatches totalled 535 tons of concentrates, 6647 tons of old mill tailings, 413 tons of slimes, and 28 tons of new mill tailings. In the mill, a new delivery for vanner concentrates has been completed, and the first section of the jig concentrates delivery is also ready. The foundations for the zinc plant are complete, and framework of the building has been started. Development work has proceeded apace. A connection in the section 138, between the 1315ft and 1465ft levels, has been made. The lode in the rise carried through 5ft wide, and assayed 17.3 per cent. lead, 16.4oz silver, 19 per cent. zinc. The south drive on 1465ft is in 248ft, where the ore body shows about 5ft wide, varying in value from 10.7 per cent. to 19 per cent. lead, 14 to 15.3oz silver, and 19.4 to 21.2 per cent. zinc. The north drive was carried to 257ft, making the proved length of the ore body 505ft. The end of this north drive shows only 8in of ore. Assays for the past 36ft have varied from 9.5 to 11.5 per cent. lead, 5 per cent. to 11.4oz silver, and 6.8 to 18.8 per cent. zinc. The 1615ft crosscut is in 112ft through country rock, but is now near the lode.

The large tonnage of leady concentrates which accumulated on the B.H. South Block mine during the early part of the year, when the B.H. Proprietary Company's smelters were shut down, have all been despatched to Port Pirie, and at present, despatches are confined to the current output. The accumulation of leady concentrates in the Zinc Corporation's bins, has also been cleared away.

The framework of the building to house the British mines new zinc plant is well forward.

Mr. F. G. White, Broken Hill director of the Australian Coal and Coke Development Company, a new coal proposition in the Hunter River district, has received a telegram from Sydney that the bore at Wybung Head, south of the Wallarah Coal Company's property, entered, at depth about 380ft, what is supposed to be 10ft of coal. The first seam, 4ft, was met at a depth of 220ft. Several prominent Broken Hill men are interested in the property. The present bore is about a mile from the coast, and it is now proposed to prove the seam another mile inland. Some alterations are in progress in the concentrating mill of the B.H. Block 14, in connection with the crushing section, in order to prepare the plant for the experimental Murex magnetic separator plant, which is now en route per R.M.S. Orvieto. An engineer of the Murex Company is coming out on the same steamer to superintend the erection of the plant.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Friday.

Sales:—Brilliant, 6/5 to 6/2; Block, 3/11; Carrington East, 2/; Clark's, /5. The Exchange closed, and will reopen on January 5.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

To-day's sales were:—

Silver: British Broken Hill, 24/7½; B.H. South, £5/12/.

Copper: Balfour Blocks, £10; Mount Lyell, 37/3; Mount Jasper, £8; Mount Balfour Proprietary, 80/; Great Fitzroy, 16/4½; Hampden, paid, 13/9; Macgregor, 2/3.

Tin: Tongkah Harbour, 33/3, 33/3, 33/6; Y. Water, 11/6, 12/.

Gold: Ajax, 20/; Cathcart, 30/, 33/, 31/6, 32/; Cathcart Central, 4/, 4/3; Cathcart Margaret, 2/; Cathcart North, 5/1, 5/; Chiltern Gold Bar, 6/; Langi Logan North, 2/3; Langi Logan South, 3/3, 3/4; New Langi Logan, 6/4, 6/3; North Johnson's, 1/6; North Nuggety Ajax, 17/; Nuggety Ajax, 41/; Port Arthur, 2/3; Great Boulder, 34/3; Tindals, 22/, 22/3.

B.H. PROPRIETARY.

OUTPUT FOR THE MONTH.

The output of metals by the B.H. Proprietary for the four weeks ended December 22 are given below, in contrast with the four previous months:—

REFINERY PRODUCTS.

Four weeks ended—	Gold. Oz.	Silver. Oz.	Lead. Tons.	Antimonial Lead. Tons.
Sept. 1	—	406,784	6,985	50
Sept. 29	—	287,715	7,249	55
Oct. 24	—	298,088	6,034	48
Nov. 24	516	348,586	6,260	51
Dec. 22	—	229,528	5,600	Nil

ZINC CONCENTRATES.

	Silver. Oz.	Lead. Tons.	Zinc. Tons.
Sept. 1	98,848	523	3,313
Sept. 29	95,614	477	3,384
Oct. 26	108,161	588	3,475
Nov. 24	102,805	490	3,580
Dec. 22	86,661	447	3,304

The figures as to the number of tons of soft lead produced are subject to correction. The zinc concentrates produced totalled 7076 tons, being 702 tons less than the previous month.

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LAW REPORT.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before his Honor Judge Heydon.)

AN IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

Re Aerated Waters Board Award Appeal.

His Honor delivered his reserved judgment in this matter as follows:—In regard to the employees' grounds of appeal, after obtaining a report from Mr. Milner Stephen, and carefully considering the various grounds, he had come to the following conclusions:—Grounds 1, 2, and 3 were very properly abandoned. Ground 4, referring to clauses 3 and 4 of the award, he allowed to a certain extent. After the words "are allowed" in clause 3 of the award he would add the words "such fixed starting time shall not be earlier than 6 a.m.; and in the county of Cumberland, except in the towns of Windsor and Penrith, shall not be later than 8 a.m." The final paragraph in clause 4 of the award he would amend so that it would read: "A driver shall not enter the yard in the morning before the allotted starting time, and his time shall be taken from the time he enters the yard in the morning, not being earlier than such allotted starting time, and shall be deemed to cease," etc. Clause 5 of the award, which was referred to in the ground 5 of the appeal, he would amend merely to make its meaning clear. In the words following D grade, he would add the words "where such stacking cases or loading is" before the words "incidental to general work." Ground 6, which had reference to clause 6, dealing with the wages of females, he disallowed. What were proper wages for females engaged in this industry was a matter for the investigation of the board, and it had not been shown that they were unfair. It was, of course, open to the board to reconsider them at any time; but on the principle which he laid down in the Locomotive Labourers' case he did not interfere with the finding of boards on such questions as these unless strong reasons were shown for doing so. The fear that had been expressed that the employment of women at this work (which seemed to be well within their capabilities) might result in the diminution of the number of the men employed, might be well founded, but it was no business of the Court to protect men against women any more than to protect women against men. Wages boards represented the whole community, and the rights of all workers were entitled to equal consideration. As to ground 7, clause 8 of the award, Mr. Stephen had explained that before the award the hours of drivers used to be 60; they were now 57. If they were required to work 59 hours they would receive, as the award stood, £2 3s for their week's work, and 13 hours' overtime at 10½d per hour, equalling 10s 9d, or a total wage of £2 13s 9d. The board considered this fair, and he could not see that the mere fact that the overtime rate was fixed at the ordinary rate per hour was an injustice calling upon the Court to intervene. He would suggest to the board, however, that there was some ambiguity in the wording of the earlier part of the clause. It seemed doubtful whether an employee working earlier than the starting time, who also, by reason thereof, worked more than 48 hours per week, was to receive the overtime once or twice. The board, which know its own intention, might perhaps feel it advisable to make this matter clear. As to ground 8, clause 10, Mr. Stephen informed him that it represented a tentative arrangement, the operation of which was to be watched by the board. If it worked unsatisfactorily the board would reconsider it. Ground 9, clause 11: There were some points in this clause which should be made clear, viz., whether the extra three hours mentioned were or were not to be worked before union picnic day, or before any holiday which was worked, or before any holiday other than Monday. It might also be as well to state explicitly that holidays were to be paid for when not worked. Ground 10 was withdrawn; and as to ground 11, he thought it was in the power of a board to postpone, by a clause in its award, the period at which the provisions of an award would come into active operation. He did not think section 29 of the Act was inconsistent with this. The publication of an award in the "Gazette" made it at once a valid and operative award, and amongst other parts which were operative was the clause which stated that its provisions need not be observed until the date mentioned. It might as reasonably be contended, it seemed to his Honor, that it was ultra vires of the Legislature to pass an Act containing a clause postponing its operation because the Act came into force as soon as it had been agreed to by the Governor, as to contend that it was not in the power of the board to postpone the operation of its award because the award came into force on its publication in the "Gazette." Clause 15 of the award, which has not been referred to in the grounds of appeal, should be considered by the board, and brought into conformity with the terms of his decision in the locomotive labourers' case. As to grounds 12 and 13, both of which raised the same point, as the objections by Mather and others viz., that the award should not have been extended beyond the County of Cumberland, he was of opinion that the board had full jurisdiction to so extend it, and that their jurisdiction was not in any way limited by the wishes of either side, or by the form of the application put before the board. So far as the objection rested on that consideration he over-ruled it. Moreover, he was unable, on the facts put before him, to say that the award, in the terms in which it had been pronounced, was unjust to the country employers; but he did feel a very considerable difficulty arising from the manner in which that portion of the award was made. The chairman, it seemed to him, did not receive the assistance contemplated by the Act and to which he was entitled. The employers' representative appeared to have frankly taken the position that as his business, a metropolitan business, was to be brought under the award, the country businesses which were in competition with him should be brought under it also; and though he did not say for a moment that his intentions were not of the fairest, it seems essentially unjust to the country employers that their representative on the board should be a man who considered the question so very strongly from that point of view. On the other hand, the representative of the employees, finding his desire that the award should be limited to the County of Cumberland over-ruled, appeared not to have taken the active interest in the country part of the award which his Honor thought should be taken in a properly constituted board. For this reason he considered something should be done with regard to the provision of the award, by which it was extended in its operation to the country districts. It seemed to him that the fairest thing would be that Mr. Paul and Mr. Watson should both resign; and that he should replace them on the board by a country employer, and a man who was or had been a country employee. He suggested that Mr. Paul should interest himself to discover and recommend some fit person to represent the country employees. It seemed evident that if it was left to the union, their nominee would simply give effect to their wish, and resist the extension of the award to the country parts altogether, in which resistance he would probably be strongly supported by the country employer, the result being that the chairman would be outvoted, and would be unable to make any award for the country, even if he thought that it should be made. The fact of the employees' representative being recommended by Mr. Paul, who so anxiously desired that the award should be binding upon his country competitors as well as himself, would, he hoped, afford a guarantee that such a situation as his Honor had referred to would not arise. Mr. Stephen would then be able, with the proper and legitimate assistance which he was entitled to, to enter upon a consideration of country conditions; and the country employers, instead of being at the mercy of a Sydney competitor, would be able to make their own representations, and support their own views. In the meantime, it would be well that the board should suspend the operations of the award outside the County of Cumberland. For the present, therefore, he made no definite order in this matter. The various amendments which he had indicated would, he hoped, be considered by the board, who would probably see their way to introducing them into the award. The resignations which he had suggested would also probably be made, when the hands would be free to take the action to which he had above referred. If the members should be unwilling to resign he should regret the circumstance, and would have to consider what other action should be taken.

COLD STORAGE BOARD.

His Honor also delivered judgment in the appeal made against the award of the Cold Storage Board.

His Honor said he had carefully considered the objections to the award, and the request by Mr. Beeby (solicitor for the Employees' Union) for an amalgamation of the two awards dealing with the industry. He had also received a report from Mr. Hamilton (chairman of the board), and had arrived at certain conclusions, which his Honor stated at some length.

After dealing with the points of complaint in detail, his Honor went on to say that Mr. Beeby had urged that some steps should be taken by which the whole industry could be again dealt with, and at once, when both Mr. Justice Street's award and the present one could be replaced by one more comprehensive than either. The present board evidently considered that that should at some time be done, for they had made their award expire on the same day as that of Mr. Justice Street. He thought it would be better that, dealing with the industry as a whole, should be left till then. There appeared to be a fairly marked distinction in the industry between the workers inside the freezing-room, to whom Mr. Justice Street confined his award, and the various classes of outside workers, who had been more recently dealt with. In considering the present award, Mr. Hamilton had told him that the terms of Mr. Justice Street's award were kept in view, and the board satisfied themselves before coming to any of their decisions that no clashing would occur, and that the two awards could work together smoothly. That being the case, his Honor could see no sufficient reason why everything should be at once reopened only some 18 months after one award and immediately after the other. It would be better that the industry should work under the two existing awards for the 16 months until they both expired. He, therefore, adjourned the application to give the board an opportunity of considering the findings. He should hear no doubt later what steps they had taken, in view of his remarks as to the wages, when he should be able to deal with the matter in a final way.

POLICE COURTS.

FINED FOR ASSAULT.

Henry Edwards, 25, a labourer, was charged at the Water Police Court, before Mr. Payten, S.M., with assaulting Arthur Frappell on December 23. The prosecutor stated that without provocation the accused struck him in the face and knocked him into the gutter. He ran away, but was caught by a constable, and brought back. On being given in charge he again struck prosecutor. Mr. Payten, upon being told by the accused that drink had caused him to behave in such an irrational way, remarked, "If you cannot get drunk unless you assault people you had better keep sober," to which the accused replied: "Thank you; that is what I'll have to do in the future." A fine of £5 was imposed, or in default one month's imprisonment.

MAKING THE PACE.

RESULT OF CHRISTMAS WINES.

George Ashley, 22, a carter, was charged at the Central Police Court, before Mr. King, S.M., with having driven a horse, attached to a van, so as to endanger the safety of the public. The evidence of Constable McGannon was that while he was standing at the corner of Pitt and Park streets, at about 10 a.m. on Thursday, defendant galloped his horse over the crossing. The officer called out to defendant to pull up, but no notice was taken of him. Constable McGannon had to jump clear to escape being run over. Ashley turned into Pitt-street, and galloped the horse on the wrong side to Castlereagh-street, where a woman and two children narrowly escaped being run over. Witness lost sight of him, but, getting on a motor car, gave chase, and overtook defendant in George-street, where he had pulled up. Witness said to him, "You made the pace pretty hot." Ashley replied, "It don't matter; I had a few Christmas wines." Defendant stated at the court that a portion of the harness broke, and he could not control the horse. He was fined £2, or a month.

A MEAN THIEF.

At the Central Police Court, William Henry Hill, 44, a tailor, was charged before Mr. King, S.M., with having stolen 1s 3d, a basket, etc., valued at 5s, the property of Dorothy Land, at Sydney, on December 23. Prosecutrix, an elderly woman, who walks with the aid of crutches, stated that she was in Sussex-street at night, and had had a few drinks. She was carrying the basket. Constable G. E. Louis saw the woman sitting on the footpath, and noticed the accused approach her and pick up the basket, which he searched. Hill pleaded guilty. Mr. King, in fining accused £2, or a month, remarked that the act was cowardly, and that a man who could do such a thing could do almost anything.

A MINER'S TROUBLE.

James Cunningham, 30, a miner, was charged at the Water Police Court, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., with being unlawfully upon an enclosed area at 513 Bourke-street, on December 24, with intent to steal. It was stated that accused was found on the property, and seized by one of the residents, and handed over to the police. Accused said to the arresting constable, "I live nowhere, lock me up." Upon being taken to the station, and searched, it was found that he had £7 11s 1d upon him, and also a pawnticket for a watch. As nothing was known of the accused by the police he was remanded for sentence.

HOTEL LICENSES TRANSFERRED.

The Licensing Bench, at the Central Police Court, granted the following applications for transfers of hotel licenses:—Grand View Hotel, Oxford-street, Paddington, Thomas R. Rodrigney to John Unitt; Gresham Hotel, York-street, Geoffrey H. Morris to Charles B. Nicoll; Dind's Hotel, Alfred-street, North Sydney, Evan O. Davies to Francis Mullen; Royal George Hotel, Bourke-street, Surry Hills, Marion J. White to Bernard Muldoon.

THE XMAS OF WOMEN WHO SUFFER.

AVERT BILIOUSNESS AND SICK HEADACHES AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS.

The man or woman who is prone to attacks of sick headaches, biliousness, sensitive stomach, indigestion, or dyspepsia cannot look at Xmas with feelings of pleasure as can those who are healthy. Such people feel that the indulging of their appetites must have a deadly after-result. For this reason Xmas becomes a period of dread, and enjoyment is out of the question.

Women are often martyrs to sick headache, which has its origin often in an unhealthy and uncared-for stomach. It may be classed as a kind of stomach neuralgia, and the only cure for it is to keep the stomach healthy, and through it the nerves, heart, and blood.

Stomach is a master all should dread. Upon its perfect action the life of the body depends. All vital organs which form working parts of the great human machine are affected and controlled by it; therefore it should be kept in order by the careful selection of good, suitable foods, even as a good machine is kept in order by continuous care. Neglect the machine, it refuses to work; neglect the stomach, it does the same. This letter from Mrs. FANNY MACPHERSON, of Stockton, Newcastle, who was cured of Indigestion and Sick Headache, and sworn before Mr. W. Ball, J.P., is worth reading:—

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

My Gun and Black Range were yesterday withdrawn from the Christmas Handicap in connection with the A.J.C. Summer Meeting.

Blandford (December 27), Sunny Corner Jockey Club (December 28), Bourke Hospital Subscription (January 26 and 27), Wallerawang Jockey Club (January 8), Yamble Amateur Race Club (January 26), and Portland Jockey Club (December 27), race meetings have been granted registration by the Australian Jockey Club.

The railway authorities, having declined to guarantee the customary transit service to Wollongong on the 30th instant, the local jockey club's fixture for that date has been postponed until January 4, when the usual arrangements will be in vogue. Entries for the meeting will be received by the secretary, Mr. J. Denmeade, up to 4 p.m. on Tuesday next, the 28th instant, at the office of the Warwick Farm Racing Club, city. The prize money for the five events on the card aggregates £100.

The New South Wales Trotting Club will wind up the current year with a meeting on the Epping Racecourse next Tuesday, at which some of the most noted track performers in the State are engaged, and high-class sport many confidently be anticipated. Among the horses that will be seen out under silk are Valour (2m 16s), Denver Huon (2m 16s), Delavan Wilkes (2m 19½s), Talbragar (2m 22s), Maggie S. (2m 23s), and Waratah (2m 26s).

The programme for the Moorefield January Meeting is announced, with prize money totalling £465, distributed over six events, the principal of which carries £100. Entries will be received by the secretary, Mr. E. L. Johnson, up to 4 p.m. on January 3.

Arrangements had been made to hold a race meeting on Boxing Day on the Valley Farm Racecourse, Medlow Baths, under the control of the recently formed Blue Mountains Jockey Club, but owing to the late heavy rainfall the track was in such a condition that the fixture had to be postponed indefinitely. The meeting will likely be held on New Year's Day should the track be in condition for racing purposes.

The Christmas meeting of the Wallsend Jockey Club opens on Boxing Day, and metropolitan visitors can reach the scene of action by the northern train, which leaves the Central station at 9 a.m. on the racing fixture.

Our Goulburn correspondent telegraphs that the committee of the Tirranna Picnic Race Club has decided for various reasons to have no race meeting next year.

The secretary of Tattersall's Club invites tenders up to 11 a.m. on Monday, the 27th instant, for the right to charge at the entrance gates during the currency of the annual race meeting at Randwick on December 29 and New Year's Day.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Friday.

The following weights have been declared for the Wallsend Jockey Club's races on Boxing Day:—

Shorts Handicap, 6f.—Legation, 10st 12lb; Little Lad, 8st 12lb; Winsome, 9st 9lb; Savoir Faire, 9st 6lb; Attention, 9st 4lb; Isla, 9st 4lb; Aoele, 8st 8lb; Margo, 7st 12lb; Rose Simmer, 7st 4lb; Murcia, 6st 10lb; Lily M., 6st 10lb.

Borough Handicap, 6f.—Classic, 9st 5lb; Mellite, 8st 8lb; Trudy, 8st 8lb; Marie Brook, 8st 8lb; Weeping Rock, 8st 8lb; Sir Hunter, 8st 8lb; Sea Hawk, 8st 8lb; Mantua, 8st 8lb; Mount Terrel, 8st 5lb; Hooghama, 8st 5lb; Murcia, 8st 5lb; Plum, 7st 7lb; Caravan, 7st 7lb; Lord Holbrook, 7st 7lb; Mervona, 7st; Debutant, 7st; Lady Holbrook, 7st.

Welter Handicap, 7f.—Scopas, 10st 3lb; Lady Fucile, 10st 3lb; Lord Jeweller, 9st 7lb; Faro, 9st; Redway, 8st 9lb; Morelia, 8st 8lb; Kapia, 8st 6lb; Rose Simmer, 8st 2lb; Gloss, 8st 2lb; Mantua, 8st 2lb; N. and R., 7st 7lb; Suffragette, 7st 7lb; Medic, 7st 7lb; Ruthida, 7st 7lb; Debutant, 7st 7lb; Cameron, 7st 7lb; Potassium, 7st 7lb.

Town Plate, 1¼m.—Legation, 10st 10lb; Rocklight, 8st 12lb; Bimlyjar, 8st 4lb; Margo, 7st 10lb; Arch, 7st 3lb; Erin, 7st 3lb; Emerald Isle, 6st 12lb; Ocean Pilot, 6st 7lb.

Trial Handicap, 6f.—Bulga, 9st 5lb; Haut Park, 8st 6lb; Sir Hunter, 9st 5lb; Prince Plutus, 8st 13lb; Chatter, 8st 7lb; Dick Richards, 8st 7lb; Miss Maggie, 8st 7lb; North Coast, 7st 12lb; Sexton, 7st 12lb; Yellow Peril, 7st 12lb; Boodle, 7st 12lb; Conbrook, 7st 12lb; Glengariff, 7st 12lb; Miss Beulah, 7st 12lb; Curuinga, 7st 7lb; Glaze, 7st 7lb; Mashie, 7st 7lb; Flutter, 7st 7lb; At Ease, 7st 7lb; Sim, 7st 7lb; Athol, 7st 7lb; Mime, 7st 7lb; Ennisteen, 7st 7lb; Morbeth, 7st 7lb; Ambershot, 7st 7lb; Long Mark, 7st 7lb; Pateresa, 7st 7lb.

Stewards' Mile.—Tinagroo, 9st 12lb; Scopas, 8st 6lb; Lady Fucile, 9st 6lb; Isla, 9st 4lb; Lord Jeweller, 8st 10lb; Bimlyjar, 8st 4lb; Morella, 7st 12lb; Miss Bobbin, 7st 7lb; Dr. Lunn, 7st 7lb; Arch, 7st 3lb; Erin, 7st 3lb; Trudy, 7st 3lb; Emerald Isle, 6st 12lb; Master Charge, 6st 10lb; Ocean Pilot, 6st 7lb; Logan, 6st 7lb; Cameron, 6st 7lb.

BEGA DISTRICT JOCKEY CLUB.

BEGA, Friday.

The following are the acceptances for the principal events of the Bega District Jockey Club's annual meeting:—

Bega Cup, 1¼m.—Morok, 9st 6lb; Woodrose, 9st 2lb; Wilton, 8st 11lb; Lady Claris, 8st 11lb; Stitch in Time, 8st 9lb; Maori Girl, 7st 13lb; Fusion, 7st 10lb; Seismo, 7st 10lb; Wood King, 7st 9lb; Tristram, 7st 9lb; Gauline, 6st 7lb.

Town Plate, 1m 110yds.—Morok, 9st 7lb; Sennawood, 9st 3lb; Wilton, 8st 12lb; Lady Claris, 8st 12lb; Elouera, 8st 12lb; Stitch in Time, 8st 2lb; Maori Girl, 8st; Fusion, 7st 12lb; Seismo, 7st 12lb; Wood King, 7st 10lb; Tristram, 7st 10lb; Gauline, 6st 9lb.

Foal Stakes, for two-year-olds, 5f (special weights).—The Parson, 8st 5lb; Olive Green, 8st 2lb; Sea Lark, 8st 2lb; Colin, 8st 2lb; Sencha, 8st 2lb; Overlook, 8st 2lb; Monarch, 8st 2lb.

The following nominations have been received for the minor events:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Brown Bird (late Wonga), Stitch in Time, Don't Forget, Sennawood, Elouera, Lady Claris, Tattler, Wilton.

Trial Handicap, 6f.—Nitro, Prose, Seismo, Swagman, Foolery, Iconium, Don't Forget, Espero, Rafia, G.C. (late Field Gun), Programme, Stealaway, Stan (late May Day).

First Hurdle Race, 2m 158yds.—Nitro, Prose, Ethos, Selimpian, Dangerest, Leonard, Wobbigong.

Flying Welter, 7f.—Spring Chicken, Brown Bird (late Wonga), Seismo, Stitch in Time, Romance, Foolery, Don't Forget, Lemonwood, Wood King, Fusion, Jacobite, Elouera, Alastar, Tattler.

Second Hurdle Race, 2m 48yds.—Spring Chicken, Brown Bird (late Wonga), Lreux, Stitch in Time, Romance, Iconium, Don't Forget, Lemonwood, Fusion, Jacobite, Elouera, G.C. (late Fieldgun), Alaster, Tattler, Stealaway, Stan.

Nursery Handicap, 6f.—Olive Green, Sealark, The Parson, Colin, Sencha, Overlook, Monarch.

District Handicap, 6f.—Tranmfer, Lreux, Seagman, Steel Shell, Foolery, Iconium, Zephyr, Esparo, Novelty, Rafia, Programme, Stealaway.

Time Handicap Trot, 1¼m.—Rebella, Siege Gun, Little Roydod, Killarney, Kathleen, Goldlock, Machine Gun, Balmarin, Rebel, Maud, Carlyle, Monarch, Merry Boy.

Final Handicap, 7f.—Spring Chicken, Brown Bird (late Wonga), Stitch in Time, Sesimo, Romance, Foolery, Woodking, Sennawood, Fusion, Elouera, Morok, Lady Claris, Tristram, Stan (late May Day), Wilton.

EUGOWRA JOCKEY CLUB.

EUGOWRA, Friday.

The following are the nominations for the two principal events of the Eugowra Jockey Club's races on the 29th instant:—

Flying Handicap.—Fielder, Otho, R. R., Giddy Girl, Asthore, Fairlight.

Eugowra Handicap.—Fielder, Otho, R.R., Giddy Girl, Arrack, Brown Amber (late The Gift).

For the minor events there are good entries.

CRICKET.

TEAM FOR NEW ZEALAND.

The selection of the second Australian team to visit New Zealand is creating a good deal of interest throughout the Commonwealth. It is about time the team was chosen, and perhaps it would have been but for the desire of the South Australian Association to have the selectors appointed by the board of control, the meeting of which will not take place until perhaps late in January.

The Tasmanian authorities are anxious to see one of their bowlers get into the team, A. C. Facy, who has been putting up some rather fine performances. Facy is a young and most enthusiastic cricketer. He can wield a vigorous bat, and is just the type of hitter to create uneasiness amongst opposing bowlers. He has so far this season captured 41 wickets at a cost of 296 runs, which gives him an average of 7.21 runs per wicket.

It is likely that the only members of the 1909 Australian team who will secure inclusion are the younger men, though that does not necessarily mean that the combination will be for that reason weak, as Bardsley and Ransford may be chosen.

The New Zealand authorities are keen upon improving at the game. A number of Australian players have, from time to time, settled there, and their influence should make for a raising of the standard of cricket. The latest to cross the Tasman Sea is W. Carlton, who went from Melbourne to Christchurch, and who has now been joined by his nephew, T. Carlton, the North Melbourne left-hand bowler; Gray, of the M.C.C. staff, left for Auckland last week; and C. G. Macartney, late of Sydney, is at Dunedin.

N.S.W. v QUEENSLAND.

Owing to the inability of C. Docker to play in the return match against Queensland, Scott, of the Petersham Club, has been chosen. Docker did such good work in the match at Brisbane that it would have been interesting to the Sydney public to have seen him perform next week. However, Scott is a likely bowler. He has good pace, and if there be any fire in the pitch he should get wickets.

INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' MATCH.

N.S.W. v VICTORIA.

The above match will begin on Boxing Day. The following programme of entertainment for the visitors has been drawn up:—

To-day: Visitors arrive by Melbourne express at 10.30 a.m.; met at the station by representatives of New South Wales Association and Cricket Club, driven to club, and formally welcomed. Afternoon practice at Sydney Cricket Ground.

December 26: Harbour excursion. Steamer Bulli leaves Fort Macquarie at 10 a.m., returning at 5.30 p.m.

Boxing Day: The shield match at the Sydney Cricket Ground, starting at 12 o'clock. Official luncheon at 1.30 p.m. Afternoon tea provided for ladies accompanying members. Evening, 8 o'clock, smoke concert at club; all members invited.

Tuesday, December 28: Conclusion of match. 6.15 p.m., presentation of trophies. Evening, at 8 o'clock, theatre party at the Tivoli.

Wednesday, December 29: Excursion to Newport and Barranjoey, 9.30 a.m. steamer to Manly, thence special drags to destination.

The trophies given for the match are:—Highest individual score in match, by president United Association, Mr. A. R. Cooke; best all-round Victorian, by president, Mr. W. M. Walsh; best batting, Victorian, by Resch's, Ltd.; best bowling, Victorian, by Mr. R. T. Kelly; best batting, New South Wales, by Mr. F. E. Lowther; best bowling, New South Wales, by Mr. C. G. Abel.

The Victorian team will be selected from the following:—A. B. Humphrey, E. L. Jones (captain), T. J. Clarke (vice-captain), J. Ebbott, E. A. Bolas, H. R. Kellett, H. Raftery, M. Ellis, F. C. Dixon, F. T. Delves, M. H. Finley, J. R. Wilkinson, F. W. Walker, G. W. Caldwell, W. T. Frost. Umpire, J. A. Hilbert; manager, Mr. H. R. Campbell.

The N.S.W. team are:—J. W. Ashdown, C. W. Patrick, F. Ward, S. E. Evans, R. T. Kelly, A. Voll-brecht, W. Shea, W. Lough, C. Marshman, V. Benjamin, L. Alexander, W. Walles (12), C. Roberts (13). Umpire, Mr. R. Shute.

THE COUNTRY TEAM.

The programme of the country team to visit Sydney under the management of Mr. A. C. Laurie, is:—

December 28, v The Teachers, Leichhardt Oval.
December 29, v M. Searle's team, at Marrickville.
December 30, v Third Grade team, Sydney Cricket Ground, 11 a.m.
January 3, v Tramway C.C.
January 4, v Manly C.C., 2 p.m.
January 5, v City and Suburban Association, Sydney Cricket Ground, 11 a.m.
January 6, v Teachers.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Australian Club—Three days at Hawkesbury River.
B. and B. Club—Country tour.
Mosman Club—Open run.
Ashfield Club—Run to Brighton-le-Sands.
Homebush Club—Impromptu run.
Victa Club—Open run.
Wharinga Club—Run to Bobbin Head.
Willoughby Club—Open run.
Burwood Club—South Coast tour.
Dulwich Hill Club—Three days' camp.
Parramatta Club—Open run.
Lily Club—Three days' tour.
Newtown Club—Open run.
Redfern Club—Impromptu run.
Manly Club—Run to Newport.
Auburn Club—Open run.
Northern Suburbs Club—Impromptu run.

O'CONNELL HANDICAPS.

Following are the handicaps for the O'Connell Club's meeting on Boxing Day, the distance being a half and one mile respectively:—

E. Peters, scr. and scr.; A. Orchard, 20yds and 40yds; F. D. Walcott, 25yds and 50yds; W. Gornall, 30yds and 60yds; F. Hay, 40yds and 80yds; J. A. Worthington, 40yds and 80yds; W. H. Mortlock, 40yds and 80yds; A. C. Walcott, 45yds and 90yds; A. Dempsey, 45yds and 90yds; J. Williams, 50yds and 100yds; A. Wade, 60yds and 120yds; W. Davidson, 60yds and 120yds; A. J. Hoy, 60yds and 120yds; J. M'Grath, 60yds and 120yds; T. Hirst, 60yds and 120yds; B. Wade, 60yds and 120yds; C. Rollans, 60yds and 120yds; H. W. Palmer, 65yds and 130yds; R. G. Honeyman, 65yds and 130yds; H. Watkins, 65yds and 130yds; A. R. Barnett, 65yds and 130yds; F. R. Butler, 70yds and 140yds; R. Rollans, 70yds and 140yds; T. J. Honeyman, 70yds and 140yds; E. A. Brown, 70yds and 140yds; F. S. Brown, 70yds and 140yds; L. Duncan, 70yds and 140yds; E. W. Davidson, 70yds and 140yds; A. C. Kelly, 75yds and 150yds; F. M'Grath, 75yds and 150yds; H. J. Riddell, 75yds and 150yds; C. Edwards, 75yds and 150yds; V. Edwards, 75yds and 150yds; A. Bell, 75yds and 150yds. A. Coroney, 80yds and 160yds; N. J. Fargie, 80yds and 160yds; S. Kilpatrick, 100yds and 200yds.

BLAYNEY HANDICAP.

The League handicapper has declared the following starts for the Blayney race meeting on Boxing Day, the distances being a half, two miles, and five miles respectively:—

C. Dickson, scr, scr, scr; T. Sheridan, 10yds, 30yds, and 65yds; L. Hogan, 25yds, 80yds, and 190yds; J. W. Campbell, 40yds, 130yds, and 320yds; I. Hansen, 40yds, 130yds, and 320yds; A. B. Hogan, 45yds, 145yds, and 360yds; S. Jones, 50yds, 160yds, and 400yds; J. Bridgman, 60yds, 190yds, and 465yds; T. T. Cooper, 70yds, 220yds, and 520yds; J. Tynan, 70yds, —, —; T. Watson, —, —, 520yds; W. H. Marshall, 70yds, 220yds, and 520yds; J. W. R. M'Intosh, 85yds, 270yds, and 625yds; C. Fraley, 85yds, 270yds, and 625yds.

PEERLESS BICYCLE CLUB.

The proposed tours of the above club to the North and South Coast have been abandoned on account of the bad weather. Open runs will be the order for the holidays.

BOWLS.

GLADSTONE PARK CLUB.

The Gladstone Park Club is holding its usual holiday carnival on Boxing Day. Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. with a consistent bowling tournament of 75 points up; and in the afternoon drawing, driving, blocking, and trailing competitions will be held. During the afternoon a ladies' rink match will be played.

ATHLETICS.

HIBERNIAN SPORTS.

The following handicaps have been declared for the A.A.A. event at the Hibernian sports at Botany on Boxing Day:—

120yds Handicap.—First heat: E. O'Farrell, 3½yds; L. L. Squires, 6; J. G. O'Connor, 7½; H. J. Mills, 7½; F. L. M'Lean, 8½. Second heat: H. G. Snook, 5; L. Blakeley, 7; S. H. Sparrow, 7½; J. C. Sloman, 8; A. C. Winter, 9. Third heat: W. J. Stewart, 5½; H. Fitzmaurice, 7; J. M. Tully, 7½; W. H. Thomas, 8; M. Ellery, 9. Fourth heat: G. P. Parke, 5½; J. Lawrence, 7; J. Cantello, 8; A. H. Crawford, 8; S. C. Parry, 9. Fifth heat: E. Davies, 6; R. J. O'Donnell, 7; E. M. Le Clerc, 8; D. Leigh, 8½; H. Mullarky, 11.

HIGHLAND GATHERING.

The following handicaps have been allotted for the events at the above meeting:—

120yds Handicap.—First heat: J. Birch, 5yds; A. O. Harvey, 6; A. W. Blake, 7; R. J. O'Donnell, 7; H. J. Mills, 7½; A. C. Winter, 9; W. J. Stewart, 5½. Second heat: E. O'Farrell, 2½; A. G. Knight, 8½; J. Smith, 7; H. R. Andrews, 7; W. Jones, 7½; S. C. Parry, 9. Third heat: D. Lane, 4; G. E. Manning, 7; O. Young, 7; E. H. Lee, 7; F. J. Mutton, 8; J. Finlayson, 9. Fourth heat: H. G. Snook, 4; T. M. Malone, jun., 7; W. A. Hackney, 7; W. Spiers, 7; J. Cantello, 8; A. E. Curtis, 9½. Fifth heat: W. M. Colley, 5; J. Kitching, 7; W. Casey, 7; O. Sloman, 7; A. H. Crawford, 8; F. J. Murn, 10. Sixth heat: G. P. Parke, 5½; A. Burns, 7; C. G. Christie, 7; H. Reid, 7½; J. M. Tully, 8; N. L. M'Kinnon, 10½. Seventh heat: F. E. Beaver, 6; H. Alderson, 7; H. Fitzmaurice, 7; J. F. O'Connor, 7½; H. Trevillian, 8; O. Guyot, 11. Eighth heat: F. J. Roche, 6; J. W. Davis, 7; J. King, 7; F. Hilliard, 7½; R. A. Adams, 8½; H. Mullarky, 11. Ninth heat: L. L. Squires, 6; H. O. Sullivan, 7; D. S. Burrill, 7; P. R. Cox, 7½; D. Lee, 8½; G. H. Matthews, 12.

440yds Obstacle Race.—P. T. Redmond, 5yds; E. Davies, 10; J. D. Hunt, 14; G. E. Banks, 15; A. T. Smith, 15; D. F. Burrell, 16; F. Hilliard, 16; T. J. Wood, 17; W. H. Thomas, 18; A. H. Crawford, 18; F. L. M'Lean, 20; L. Blakeley, 20; J. H. M'Kinnon, 22; L. Hart, 28.

The following entries have been received for the 100yds and 880yds championships of New South Wales:—

100yds.—J. Birch, F. E. Beaver, J. M. Campbell, D. Lane, J. Mulligan, J. T. Oeilvie, E. O'Farrell, G. P. Parke, L. Squires, H. G. Snook.

880yds.—E. Anstiss, J. Bradley, A. Burns, H. V. Bissitt, J. L. Devitt, F. Flowers, R. Fitzsimmons, J. Grinton, F. T. Grey, J. D. Hunt, F. Johnson, S. Jackson, J. M. Lynch, E. M. Morris, R. P. O'Brien, W. J. M'Carthy, W. H. Lodge, L. Squires.

BOXING.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA.

TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

Mr. Kneeshaw, the superintendent of tramways, has arranged with Mr. Hugh D. M'Intosh, the promoter of the Fitzsimmons-Lang contest, to run a special service on the Rushcutter Bay line on Boxing Day. Trams will leave Erskine-street for Rushcutter Bay at minute intervals. In case the contest goes the full 20 rounds, arrangements have been made for a special direct service to be run from the stadium to the Randwick racecourse, in order to enable patrons to witness the first race.

Superintendent Garvin has decided that a special detachment of police to the number of 200 will be in attendance at the stadium on Boxing morning.

Various alterations have been made in the stadium during the last few weeks. The old ring has been replaced by a new one, which was purchased by Mr. Hugh D. M'Intosh whilst in New York. It is 18ft square. The ropes are supported by guys, which are attached to nickel posts some distance outside the ring itself, thus the possibility of a man striking himself against one of the corner posts is obviated. The seating accommodation and the exit and entrance passages have been increased, in order to facilitate the handling of the crowd.

Bob Fitzsimmons yesterday received the following cable message from Lord Lonsdale, president of the National Sporting Club, London:—"Thank you very much for your wishes in emblem you have sent me, for which I am most grateful. Wish you every success, and when we next meet hope to have pleasure of congratulating you on your victories, or should you meet better man, to congratulate you on your straightforward, fair, and square contests. May the best man win. I wish you the best of luck."

JEFFRIES v JOHNSON.

LETTER FROM SAM FITZPATRICK.

Mr. Hugh D. M'Intosh has received a letter from Sam Fitzpatrick, who acted as manager for Jack Johnson during his Australasian tour, which runs as follows:—

"I suppose you have been informed by cable ere this that Johnson and Jeffries have signed to fight. They have agreed to meet before July 5 for the best purse; and, just think, the black says he will fight in any place on earth except Australia. Well, if it were not for Australia, Burns would still be champion of the world, and the big nigger would be fighting around Philadelphia and New York for whatever he could get. A purse of 75,000 dollars has already been offered for this fight. Jack Gleeson has made the offer, but it is pretty well known on the inside that the club consists of Jeffries, Gleason, and Sam Berger, Jeff.'s manager, and the chances are they will land the fight. They have a place picked out in Oakland, just across the bay from 'Frisco, and are going to put up a place after the style of your Stadium."

JOHNNY SUMMERS ARRIVES.

The Melbourne express brought to Sydney yesterday Johnny Summers, the English lightweight boxer. Summers was met at the Central Railway Station by a number of local sportsmen. After a reception at Challis House, the newcomer left for National Park. Summers, who was accompanied by his trainer, J. Reeves, and Cyril Cooper, a young English lightweight of considerable promise, made his debut as a boxer in Australia ten years ago. Since then he has never looked back. He won the lightweight championship of England, and in the United States fought seventeen fights, with only one lost decision. Summers is matched to fight Rudolph Unhols on January 26.

CASINO, Friday.

The second contest between Frank O'Grady (Sydney) and Monk Ford (Newcastle) took place at the Stadium in the presence of 700 people. The referee awarded the fight to O'Grady.

SAILING.

BRISBANE, Friday.

In the sailing races yesterday, the ten footers handicap was won by Waratah (N.S.W.), with Commonwealth (Q.) second, and Irene (Q.) third. The 14-footers handicap resulted: Carina (Q.), 1st; Ida (Q.), 2nd; Waratah (Q.), 3rd.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

The undermentioned passed in connection with the practical examinations held by the London College of Music in Sydney during November and December:—Elocution.—A.L.C.M.

WILLIAM H. BAIN.

Chamberlain's Tablets are different from harsh pills and drastic purgatives that gripe and irritate the stomach and bowels. They produce a natural action.—Advt.

The National Drink of Australasia—WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS.—Advt.

AMUSEMENTS.

CHRISTMAS DAY EVENTS.

THE "MESSIAH" MATINEE.

The Royal Sydney Philharmonic Society will give their annual performance of the "Messiah" at the Town Hall at 3.15 this afternoon. This annual interpretation of Handel's masterpiece by the great chorus and orchestra has been aptly termed "the people's festival." Mr. Joseph Bradley will conduct the majestic ensembles, with Mr. F. Mowat Carter as leader, and Mr. G. C. C. Hellemann as organist. The solo singers will be Miss Amy Murphy, Miss Josie Miles, Mr. Walter Whyte, and Mr. Percy Herford. Popular prices are announced, this being the only occasion during the whole year upon which this unrivalled choir and orchestra can be heard at reduced rates.

CONCERT AT THE TOWN HALL.

Mr. J. Edward Sykes will conduct an elaborate Christmas Night concert at the Town Hall this evening, and, as last year, he has engaged artists capable of ensuring a festival performance of dignity and interest. Lieut. W. G. Bentley will conduct a military band in the overture to the "Messiah," and (with grand organ) in the tempestuous martial effects of Tchaikowsky's overwhelming ensemble, "The 1812 Overture." Miss Kate Rooney will sing "He shall Feed His Flock," and the favourite contralto will also be heard in "Nearer, my God, to Thee," and "The Lost Chord" (both with grand organ). Mr. Philip Newbury will sing the spirit-stirring "Lend me your Aid," with military band, "Comfort Ye," "Every Valley," "The Star of Bethlehem," and "Angels Guard Thee." Seats can be reserved at popular prices.

CONCERT AT THE CRITERION.

An attractive entertainment of music and recitation at popular prices has been organised by Messrs. Sidney T. Price and Herbert J. Bentley for this evening at the Criterion Theatre. In addition to dramatic pieces by Mr. E. Hoggan Armidale, Mr. Bentley, and Misses Lorna and Toots Pounds, and vocal quartettes ("The Lost Chord" and "Fair and Bright"), by singers from the Clarke and Meynell Opera Company, there will be a first-rate concert programme. Miss Geraldine Ward, a new contralto ("Abide with Me"), Mr. Sydney Giles, a new basso from Queensland ("Deep in the Mine"), Miss Elsa Fischer, Mrs. Ernest Truman, Mr. J. G. Yuill, Miss Nathalie Rosenwax, and Mr. Philip Carlton ("She is Far from the Land") will contribute sacred and popular songs. The instrumental contributions will include the violin variations on Haydn's "Hymn to the Emperor," by Master Haydn Beck, the prodigy violinist, and solos by Mr. Gladstone Bell, the English 'cellist. Miss Kathleen Beattie will be the pianist.

LYCEUM CHRISTMAS PICTURES.

This evening, at the Lyceum, there will be a special Christmas Night programme, the star film in which will be the famous Passion play, illustrating "The Life and Death of Christ," presented with realistic effects and grand organ accompaniment. A varied list of pictorial subjects will be shown. There will be music and realistic effects.

GLACIARIUM CHRISTMAS PICTURES.

This evening Mr. T. J. West will give a special sacred and secular entertainment for the festival night, in which the two star films will be Pathe Frere's latest success, "The Life and Death of Christ," and a new and life-like biograph presentation of "Joseph of Canaan," by Parisian artists. Many other subjects will be exhibited. De Groen's band will play.

NATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE.

This evening there will be a special Christmas programme at the National Amphitheatre, to which many of the principal artists of the combination will contribute, whilst some of the latest imported moving pictures will be shown by the miorama.

BIJOU THEATRE TO-DAY.

The management of the Bijou Theatre announces a special Christmas Day matinee to-day in addition to the performance of this evening, when a special and appropriate programme will be submitted, including "The Sign of the Cross," "Christmas," and other suitable subjects.

PICTURES AT RUSHCUTTER BAY.

Messrs. W. S. Jerdan and W. B. Coates have organised a cinematograph display of "Jerdan's Bioscope Pictures" for this evening on the Rushcutter Bay Reserve, where some of the latest sacred, descriptive, humorous, and dramatic pictures will be shown at silver-coin admission.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL.

This evening the Rev. George Walters will give a recital of Charles Dickens' beautiful Christmas story, "The Chimes," in the Hyde Park Unitarian Church. A programme of musical items will be arranged by Miss Gertrude Palmer.

MAORI VILLAGE AT CLONTARF.

Although no regular performances can be given at Clontarf to-day or to-morrow by the Maori people, they cordially invite visitors to inspect their quaint village, with its whares, war canoes, and native cooking, and to listen to the beautiful choral singing of sacred pieces. Steamer fare only will be charged. On Boxing Day and night, and throughout the week, the elaborate Maori entertainments will be sure to attract crowds, and the regular tariff will be resumed.

CLAY'S VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

Mr. Harry Clay's Vaudeville Company will give a special Christmas Night concert and entertainment, including the latest biograph pictures, at the Royal Standard Theatre this evening. On Boxing Night their holiday programme at the Standard will introduce Phyllis Desmond (balladist), Harry Willis (ventriloquist), and Alf. Raleigh (specialty turn), supplemented by favourite artists and pictures. Balmain on Tuesday, Newtown Wednesday, Ashfield Thursday. Fridays vacant until January 7 at Mosman Town Hall.

WONDERLAND CITY.

The United Showmen's Association of Australia, who are now holding a grand carnival at Wonderland City, will give a classical and sacred concert in the King's Theatre, Wonderland City, to-night. An attractive programme of vocal and musical items will be presented, also a special selection of sacred moving pictures by the latest and most up-to-date machine, the Wonderscope.

MRS. FITZSIMMONS AT ST. MARY'S.

Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, the American soprano, will render the "Inflammatus" solo from Rossini's "Stabat Mater" at St. Mary's Cathedral. A special chorus has been arranged by Mr. Asprey.

BOXING DAY ENGAGEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

On Monday afternoon and evening "The Catch of the Season" will resume its holiday run at Her Majesty's Theatre, with Miss Fanny Dango as the bright and ingenuous Angela, who figures as the modern Cinderella of the modern fairy tale. Pretty frocks, picturesque scenery, gay ballets, and new songs, are all appreciated in the new piece. Miss Fanny Bauer, a new soprano of silvery timbre, who has returned from Europe to join the "Royal Comics," now interpolates the fascinating valse air, "La Mia Piccierella" (Gomez), for which she is encored nightly.

"THE CLIMAX" MATINEES.

On Tuesday afternoon the first of a series of matinees will be given at Her Majesty's Theatre, and extending throughout the holiday season as notified, of a new comedy by the American author, Edward Locke. The new play, which has enjoyed popularity in the United States, is entitled "The Climax," and deals with the love-crisis of a prima donna, thus affording scope for new music by Joseph Breil. Miss Florence Young will play this character in association with Mr. Reginald Roberts, Mr. Dion Titheradge, and Mr. J. B. Atholwood.

CRITERION THEATRE.

Rupert Clarke and Clyde Meynell's popular English Opera Company will open their Christmas season on Monday afternoon and evening at the Criterion Theatre with "The Girl Behind the Counter." The cast will include:—Charles Chetwynd, Mr. Harold Thorley; General Sir Wilkie Willoughby, Mr. Edwin Brett; Lady Willoughby, Miss Daisy Belmore; Viscount Gushington, Mr. J. W. Deverall; Monsieur Duval, Mr. Harry Sweeney; Millie Mostyn, Miss Emmeline Orford; Ninette, Miss Helene Rose; Susie, Miss Essie Perrin; Rudolph, Mr. Phil Carlton; Adolphus Dudd, Mr. Tom Payne; a waiter, Mr. William Cromwell; winnie Willoughby, Miss Ruth Lincoln.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Some account of the interesting stage history of "The Corsican Brothers" appears in our Music and Drama column. This romantic drama will be staged with beautiful scenery by the J. C. Williamson Company at the Theatre Royal on Monday afternoon and evening, under Mr. Julius Knight's direction. The cast will include:—Fabien and Louis, Mr. Julius Knight; M. de Chateau Renaud, Mr. Sydney Stirling; Baron de Montgiron, Mr. Leslie Victor; M. Alfred de Meynard, Mr. Aubrey Mallalieu; Baron Martelli, Mr. Reynolds Denniston; Emilie de Lesparre, Miss Dorothy Grimston; Madame de Franchi, Miss Susie Vaughan; and Marie, Miss Mary Marlowe.

PALACE THEATRE.

On Monday afternoon and evening Mr. Hugh Ward's Comedy Company will make a welcome reappearance in Sydney at the Palace Theatre. The new farcical comedy "A Bachelor's Honeymoon," which has caused uproarious laughter wherever this company has staged it, will be performed with the following cast:—Benjamin Bachelor, Mr. Hugh Ward; Minerva, Miss Celia Ghiloni; Amaryllis and Charyllis, Misses Florence Redfern and Ruby Baxter; Marianne, Miss Rose Musgrove; Joe, Mr. H. R. Wallace; Stephen Houston, Mr. Reg. Wykeham; Dr. Schwartz, Mr. A. Eldred; Anthony Gumbug, Mr. R. Greig; and Miss Arbuckle, a variety actress, Miss Grace Palotta.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

On Boxing afternoon and evening Mr. Harry Rickards' new holiday programme will "introduce Franco Piper, "the maestro of the spinning, tossing, juggling, and swinging banjo"; Bert Terrell, the Dutch comedian and Tyrolese jodelier; Will Dyson, a new comedian; Will Raynor, another new artist; Arthur Harris, baritone; and Nellie Maunsell, mezzo, will return; Tom Dawson, will be seen again. Mlle. De Dio, Graham and Dent, Dolly Harmer, Fred. Curran, and other artists will appear.

NATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE.

On Monday afternoon and evening the central star attraction at the National Amphitheatre will be the Crottons, Grecian gladiators, direct from Paris; whilst other new artists will be Con Morini, Australian comedian; Maggie Fraser, comedienne; Little Percy, juvenile artist; Eileen Lyons, soprano; and many favourites already in the bill. Some of the latest humorous, dramatic, and descriptive pictures will be shown by the Miorama.

GLACIARIUM—WEST'S PICTURES.

On Monday afternoon and evening there will be a special holiday programme of Mr. T. J. West's pictures at the Glaciarium, when the new French art film of "Joseph of Canaan" will be retained, with a budget of only the brightest and best for the festival week. Mr. L. De Groen's Vice-Regal Orchestra will play.

LYCEUM—SPENCER'S THEATRESCOPE.

On Boxing afternoon and evening Mr. Charles Spencer's Theatrescope Company will present their new holiday programme of star films, including "Fools of Fate," the comedy story of "The Lost Handbag," Schiller's tragedy "The Hostage," the touching fable "The Angel of Peace," "Sweden," and the comic episode of "Little School Teacher."

BIJOU PICTURE PALACE.

On Monday afternoon and evening a special holiday selection of the latest moving pictures will be shown at the Bijou, including the star film on "Resurrection." Many humorous, dramatic, military, and sporting incidents will be lavishly illustrated, with incidental music.

COOGEE AQUARIUM.

Great amusement attractions for Boxing Day are provided at the above spacious and cool hall, commencing at 11 a.m. In the evening, at 8, a grand dance, for which a full orchestra has been engaged, will be given.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

On New Year's Night (next Saturday evening) the Highland Society of New South Wales will hold their annual concert at the Town Hall, when national ballads, choruses, and dances will be rendered. The Balmain Choral Union, the Scottish Rifles Brass Band, and the Highland Society's Pipe Band, as well as the prize-winners in Highland flings and reels, will assist. The solo artists will be Miss Lilian Reid, Miss Bessie Fraser, Mme. Grace Miller Ward, Mr. Walter Whyte, and Mr. S. W. Gordon.

HACKENSCHMIDT'S TOUR.

George Hackenschmidt, the world-famous athlete, has arrived in Australia again, and after a Christmas season in Melbourne will appear in Sydney, commencing at the Town Hall, Wednesday, January 5, for a season of five nights. Exhibitions of wrestling, posture posing, physical culture, and a variety of training exercises of which "the Russian lion" has proved himself such a past master, will form the star turn. Gunner Moir, the notable boxer, together with Herman, the German giant, will support Hackenschmidt in the various athletic exhibitions, which will be graphically described by an expert, who accompanies the team from England. Messrs. Baker and Talbot, who are directing the tour, point out that further attractions of a high-class vaudeville character will be introduced by Clifford Eskell, Mark Osborne, and other new artists. The plan will open at Paling's on Thursday next.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

To-morrow at 3.15 the City Organist, Mr. Ernest Truman, will render:—Offertoire (Grison), Adagio (Beethoven), "Marche des Rois Mages" (Dubois), fantasia improvisation, "Adeste Fideles" (Truman), Hallelujah (Handel).

On Monday night a popular programme will be rendered by the City Organist, Mr. Ernest Truman, at the Town Hall, consisting of "Storm Fantasia" (Lemmens), "Andante in D Flat" (Lemare), "Miserere Scene" (Il Trovatore), paraphrase, "Carmen" (Bizet), fantasia on Christmas tunes (Truman), "Ave Maria" (Schubert), "Rhapsodie No. 6" (Liszt).

ANGLING.

HOLIDAY SPORT.

Thunderstorms in various parts of the country will have the effect of improving the fishing at many places. The rivers of the highlands were running pretty low according to the reports received in the city, and as they rarely remain discoloured long the trout should have their appetites quickened by the rush of muddy water. Muddy water puts trout off any kind of food, and that is why the coastal streams are not so suitable for the fish as those in the mountains.

It is astonishing what a vast amount of evaporation goes on during hot days, when the nor'-easters are blowing, in the coastal fish nurseries. Take Narrabeen Lake as an instance. This place was opened to the sea a few weeks ago, and it was not long before the nor'-easters constructed a bar at the entrance, which effectually prevented the ingress of water from the sea. Meantime there was a fair amount of soakage from the lake to the sea, and so the lake rapidly fell, until many of the sand banks in it were exposed. Last Wednesday wrought a change for the better. The evaporation during the day had been immense, and as it had been carried on for some weeks without rain people who lived on the shores began to regard the prospects of good fishing and boating during the Christmas holidays as far from rosy. Then came a tremendous thunderstorm on the afternoon of Wednesday, and the watershed from the surrounding hills being splendid the lake water rose about a foot in six hours, and most of the sand banks disappeared. The extreme salinity of these waters makes the fish go into the deeper parts on hot days, and rain is necessary to restore the quality of the water at the lower end.

Tuggerah Lake has also been very low, but the fishing at the entrance improved a week or so ago so as to justify people in seeking their usual holiday sport there. The rain in the locality has just come opportunely for angling tourists.

Motor car tourists who visit the magnificent fishing grounds between Newport and Barranjoey are loud in their condemnation of the road. This is one of the great military strategic roads of the coast district, but it is one of the worst in the State, both in grade and construction. From a tourist point of view the drive is of commanding beauty, but the road itself is a bitter memory for those who have had to travel upon it. The fishing at Careel Bay, Hole-in-the-Wall, and Little Reef is nearly all that could be desired, but the road is far from being so.

Many city fly fishers have gone south to where the ranges contain a few lingering snow drifts. There are some splendid white patches about the Monaro country, and the streams are still icy cold. The days are warm and bright, but the nights are cold, and anglers generally leave their dips in the streams till about 11 in the forenoon. Splendid trout fishing is being obtained all over the Monaro. The Snowy leads the way in popularity, and may be approached from so many towns and villages that it may be said that the national sport has become fishing in the country through which it flows. Everybody talks trout at Dalgety, Jindabyne, Waste Point, The Creel, and the Hotel Kosciusko.

The New South Wales Rod Fishers' Society is issuing a directory for the use of trout fishers, and the publication should be very useful. A map and a variety of information about the fishing rivers will form a welcome addition to a fly-fisher's equipment. Several members of the society have gone trouting this Christmas at Dalgety and Gabramatta. Members who tried Bobbin Head recently for black fish report the sport to be exciting. Cyclist anglers know Bobbin Head better than most people.

A very useful fly this season is called the olive hackle. Most of the men who are using it tied it themselves, or got other expert fly tiers to fix them up with a supply.

Mr. H. Channon reports good sport in the Big Badja and Tuross rivers, both of which streams contain some lusty rainbow trout. A little over a week ago Mr. Channon and Mr. W. Holmes caught a seven-pounder each in the Tuross. Fishing the Big Badja, Mr. F. Stewart creeled a three and four pounder, and Mr. Channon, in the same water, caught three—the largest 4¼lb. Mr. E. C. Stewart has been very successful lately amongst the trout in the Badja. With his brother Stanley he caught 46 trout in three visits to the river, the flies being cochabundhu, claret and mallard, and claret quill.

Messrs. W. F. Lloyd and George Skinner recently sent a magnificent specimen of the stone-lifter fish to the Fisheries Department. Is weighed 8lb cleaned, and was 21½ inches long. The department has thanked the two for the public spirit they displayed in keeping such a splendid specimen of an interesting group of fishes for the departmental museum. If more people did the same with their strange captures our knowledge of the coastal fishes would speedily be increased.

Leatherjackets are common along the coast close in to the cliffs, but those prepared with wire-boom tackle have not feared their attacks upon the tackle. Mr. C. Clapham and party fishing in the Seabird motor launch off the Hole-in-the-Wall, and wide off Mermaid's Basin, at the week-end, caught two dozen good mixed fish.

Brisbane Water will have a great rush of holiday visitors, who will probably have tight lines as soon as the weather settles. There are plenty of campers round Broken Bay this year, and in most of them arrangements for fishing have been made. The number of men who go away with a huge case of mixed liquor and a net for sport seems to be decreasing.

Bayview, Newport, Barranjoey, Patonga Creek, Cowan Creek, Berowra Creek, Mullet Creek, and Moonie Moonie Creek are a few of the spots at which campers will disport themselves in Broken Bay and the Hawkesbury estuary.

George's River has its usual quota of campers this year, but its fishing has gone off on account of over-netting without a rest. Most of the campers do not bother to return small fish to the water, so they, too, will add to the general destruction of small fish life in the river. Only about one out of every ten men fishing the river returns under-length fish to the water. The majority do not even know what the legal lengths are, and do not care either. It takes some time to wake up the dormant sporting spirit.

For the convenience of those who are inclined to regard the future of the fisheries, it may be mentioned that fish of the varieties named below, when of less length from tip of snout to tail than the figures quoted, should be returned to the water—Black bream, carp, trevally, flounder, red rockcod, blackfish, and perch, 9 inches; sand whiting and trout, 10 inches; jewfish, teraglin, morwong, jackass fish, kingfish, and flathead, 12 inches; and Murray cod, 15 inches. These are a few in the list, but they are the varieties most commonly kept under the legal length.

Catches.—Mr. J. Franklin reports from Brindabella the following catches of trout:—Mr. J. Smith, one three-pounder and 16 pounders, near the dam; Mr. Roland, one trout weighing 2¾lb and 20 weighing about a pound each; Messrs. Cheeseman and Cormack, a good bag; and Mr. L. Franklin, nine averaging 1¼lb. Other catches are as follows:—Messrs. Arnold and M'Kinnon, at Woy Woy, five dozen whiting; Messrs. M'Donnell, Robinson, and Miles, at Hawkesbury, a fine lot of jewfish; Messrs. Harris, Burton, and Carter, at Port Hacking, four dozen good whiting; Messrs. Walsh, Gourlay, Kennedy, and Coulton, at Cowan, a large bag of red and black bream and jewfish; Mr. Goodall and party, at Tuggerah, a nice lot of bream, flathead, and whiting; Mr. Richards and party, at Sans Souci, a bag of flounder and flathead; Mr. J. Bean, at Parramatta River, a nine-pound flathead; Mr. E. Dean, at Bluefish, eight rock whiting and a six-pound drummer; Mr. Wicks and friend, at Watson's Bay, a basket of mixed fish; Messrs. T. Johnstone and F. Coleman, at Berowra, a fine bag of mixed fish.

Mr. R. J. Geddes, while fishing on the Hawkesbury River, was spiked by the barb of a ray in the hand. He bled and sucked the wound, and promptly applied ammonia, so that the effects were not as bad as they would otherwise have been.

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HALLEY'S COMET.

The following ephemeris computed by Mr. J. Short, of the Redhill Observatory, gives the position of the comet until the end of the year:—

1909. Greenwich, mean noon.	Right Ascension. h.m.s.	North Declination. d.m.s.	Logt. Distance from sun.
December 25	2.45.24	12.41.33	0.330
December 26	2.41.31	12.31.43	0.327
December 27	2.37.37	12.21.56	0.324
December 28	2.33.42	12.12.10	0.321
December 29	2.29.55	12. 2.29	0.318
December 30	2.26.12	11.53. 1	0.315
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Christmas Day. And, as of old, this morning we hear the bells "their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat." "Of peace on earth, goodwill to men." So we wish to all a Happy Christmastide. The abundant and beautiful rain sent as a Christmas gift by Providence during the past few days is a blessing for which all are thankful, for it has not only refreshed the land in and around the city, but stayed the destructive fires which were raging in many parts of the bush, and which had caused such desolation and distress inland. To many, this usually festive season is this year full of depression; but in the city the well-organised charity societies, with a band of willing workers, have done all in their power to bring a ray of joy and happiness into the lives of the poor and afflicted. Christmas trees and Christmas teas and dinners have been prepared for old and young, so that they might at least feel they were not forgotten, and that as far as possible they were enabled to enjoy a Happy and Merry Christmas. Let us all remember that "if the skies are dark to-day, to-morrow's may be blue." Judging from the crowded streets and shops during the past two or three days, a golden harvest must have been reaped by the business houses, and for the time, at least, "dull care has been left behind."

His Excellency the Admiral and Lady Poore are spending Christmas at Sutton Forest with his Excellency the Governor, and will be out of town until the 29th inst.

The seamen's Institute presented a most gay and animated appearance on Wednesday evening, when about 250 merchant seamen were entertained at the annual Christmas dinner. The inclemency of the weather did not in any way interfere with the attendance, and the guests included many of the boys from the training ship Mersey. The Institute looked most bright and festive, being decorated with flags and ivy, and twelve long tables were abundantly supplied with cold roast beef and salad, plum puddings, beef steak pies, plenty of fruit and sweets, and, what pleased the men almost more than anything, crackers. The 12 tables were presided over by Mrs. Rolleston and Mrs. Carter, Miss Eadith Walker, Mrs. Arthur Allen, Mrs. G. H. Greene, Mrs. Norman Simpson, Mrs. Broomfield, Mrs. Distin Morgan and Mrs. Meeks, Mrs. Bracegirdle and Mrs. Playfair, Mrs. Albyn Stewart and Mrs. W. Macarthur, Mrs. Alan Pain presiding at Miss Margaret Harris' table in her unavoidable absence, and the Misses Doak and Moss. The band of willing helpers included Miss Consett Stephen, Miss Marcia Lamb, Miss G. Griffiths, Miss Thea Stephen, Miss M. Street, the Misses Greene, Miss Ellis, Miss Baber, Mrs. Sawkins, Mrs. Grant, Miss Dorothy Irvine, Miss Nesbitt, Miss M. Ogilvie, Miss Mary Jones, and Miss Friend, who were assisted by Mr. Rollo Hardy and Mr. Leonard Stephen. After the tea, an excellent concert was given, and Miss Thomas contributed pianoforte selections both at tea time and later in the evening, and the varied programme included many humorous songs and recitations. A Sydney firm generously supplied a plug of tobacco and a box of matches for each man, which was handed round by three little boys—Master Jack Binney, Master Norman Sawkins, and Master Bean Brown. Amongst other hospitalities prepared for the men was a large Christmas tree at the Institute last night.

Last Saturday evening over 100 patients were entertained at tea by the committee of the District Nursing Association at the Central City Mission Hall in Liverpool-street, kindly lent for the occasion. Christmas flowers were largely in evidence, the beautiful bells and the flannel flowers being most effectively arranged, whilst the tables were provided with an abundance of good things. This tea is an annual gathering, and the ladies who presided over the tables were:—Lady Stephen, Mrs. R. Hayes, Mrs. Brady, Miss Farran, Miss Thea Stephen, Mrs. Sinclair Gilles, Mrs. Antill, Miss Consett Stephen, Miss Wilkinson, Miss E. P. Walker, Nurse Breden, and the five district nurses belonging to the association. After tea an enjoyable concert was given, which had been arranged by Miss Grace Hall, and gave great pleasure to the invalids, several of whom were brought in to the hall in their chairs. The entertainment was a great success, and the ladies who organised it were heartily thanked for the pleasure they had given their guests.

Mr. W. H. Wood, Chief Secretary and Minister of Mines, son of the late Mr. Henry Gibson Wood, of Delegate, N.S.W., was quietly married last Saturday morning at St. James' Church, King-street, to Lilian Young, widow of the late Captain T. Mackenzie Young, 16th Lancers, and daughter of Major-General and Lady French. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Turner, of Inverell, wore a beautifully embroidered white muslin princess dress, inlet with fine lace, and a white crinoline straw hat trimmed with a wreath of amethyst-shaded columbines and a large chou of ribbon the same colour, also a white tulle ruffle with ribbon ends to match. Her handsome black opal and diamond pendant was the gift of the bridegroom. There were no bridesmaids, but little Miss Mary Young (the bride's daughter) and Miss O'Doherty (niece), as well as the Misses Wood (sisters of the bridegroom), Mr. and Mrs. Braith Turner, Mrs. and Miss Trail, and Mr. Robertson were present at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Sydney Marston. Later Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood left by motor for the Blue Mountains for their honeymoon.

News has just been received of the marriage of Miss Ida Verge (well known in social circles in Sydney) with Mr. P. W. N. Farquarson, of Devonshire, England, which took place quietly in Colombo on November 20, in the presence of Mrs. Austral Verge, Mr. John Verge, and a few intimate friends. The bride wore a beautiful fine muslin and lace princess dress, and a motor bonnet of coarse white straw lined with pale blue and trimmed with pink roses, and a long pale blue veil. The bride and bridegroom left the church in a motor for their home at Neboda, the bride's motor coat being of white silk piped with blue.

The marriage of Miss Elsie Anderson, daughter of Mr. David Anderson, general manager of the Orient Company, with Mr. Clarence Evelyn Beerbohm, son of the late Mr. Julius Beerbohm, took place quietly at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Monday, November 15. In the afternoon Mrs. Anderson entertained a few friends at her flat in Cadogan Gardens, and Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm received the congratulations of their friends. The bride wore a becoming dress of pale grey cloth, and a large velvet picture hat. Sir James and Lady Fairfax, Miss Fairfax, the Misses Knox, and Mrs. Toohey, were amongst the Australian friends present.

The marriage of Mr. Herbert Richardson Clark to Miss Blanche Curnow took place at the residence of the bride's mother, Clifton, Enmore, on Saturday morning, the 18th inst. The drawing-room was decorated with beautiful white flowers, stephanotis, bouvardias, and lilies, and a large wedding bell made by girl friends. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Leslie Curnow, and the Rev. C. J. Prescott, of Newington College, officiated. The bride wore a white grass lawn lingerie dress. There were neither bridesmaids nor pages. The ceremony was very simple, and was solemnised in the presence of a few personal friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom. After refreshments were served and photographs taken in the garden, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Clark left by motor for Dr. Gordon Craig's house at Cronulla. The bride's going-away dress was white, with a pale blue Shantung motor coat and hat.

St. Francis' Church, Paddington, was the scene of a wedding on Wednesday, September 8, when Walter Leslie Hume, fourth son of Mr. J. C. Hume, of Park-road, Moore Park, was married to Mary Veronique (Vera) Jones, daughter of the late Mr. T. A. Jones, of Coonamble, and Mrs. Jones, of Darlinghurst. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father P. Birch. The bride wore a semi-Empire dress of ivory silk trimmed with applique and satin ribbon, the yoke and front panel of silk embroidered lace and net. She also wore a coronet of orange blossoms, over which fell a tulle veil, and carried a shower bouquet, which, with a pearl and emerald pendant, were gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Hume (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Celia Walsh, and Miss Elly O'Brien (Newcastle). They wore white book muslin dresses, trimmed with fine tucks and Malines insertion, and carried posies of pink and mauve, which, with their gold necklets and crosses, were the bridegroom's gifts. The little Misses Byrne (nieces of the bride) were train-bearers, and wore white Empire muslin embroidered dresses with pink silk Juliet caps, and carried crooks of pink roses. Mr. C. O. Salmon acted as best man. A reception was subsequently held at the A.B.C. Cafe, where over a hundred guests were entertained.

Some beautiful dresses are worn in the piece now being played at Her Majesty's Theatre, "The Catch of the Season," which was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic audience at the first performance last Saturday evening. Miss Fannie Bauer made her first appearance in a Directoire dress of soft pale blue satin charmeuse, the bodice and overskirt being draped with blue ninon, the side panels fastened at the waist with a large ornament of gold and pearls, and at the foot of the skirt by a jet cabouchon. Miss Georgie Musgrove also wears a lovely evening dress of heliotrope satin charmeuse, and a burnous cloak of crepe de chine in the same shade, trimmed with bands of satin ribbon to match. Miss Fanny Dango is first seen in a simple little grey dress, with shoes and stockings to match. Later she appears in a white ninon over pale pink, the ninon richly embroidered with crystal and silver, the long square scarf wrap finished with silver tassels and Oriental embroidery. Her wedding dress is of rich white satin. Miss Florence Vie wears a handsome dress of black velvet trimmed with jet, and a scarlet coat with collar and cuffs of white satin. As the Duchess Miss Alma Vaughan appears in a beautiful white satin ball dress, with a tiara and necklace of pearls.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wakefield celebrated their golden wedding at their residence, Belmont House, Newcastle, on the 17th instant, when several members of the family and intimate friends were entertained at breakfast. On behalf of those present the Rev. E. Mona Jones, in a few well-chosen words, congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield on the attainment of this unique anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield were married in Melbourne in 1859, and have been resident in Newcastle for the past 11 years. A reception was held during the evening, amongst those present being Messrs. P. J. and J. H. R. Wakefield (sons), the Misses Frances and May Wakefield (daughters), Mrs. P. J. Wakefield, Mrs. Kefford (bridesmaid), Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Mr. and Mrs. L. Davies, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Aurousseau, Mr. and Mrs. H. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Filchie, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Filmer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davies, Mr. William Macdougall, and Mrs. G. Martin. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous handsome gifts and many congratulatory messages.

In St. Mary's Presbyterian Church, Taralga, on December 15, the marriage was celebrated of Annie Beatrice, eldest daughter of the Rev. Charles and Mrs. Crane, and William Donald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Mackenzie. The bride's father officiated. The bride entered the church, which was decorated by girl friends, on the arm of her cousin, Mr. E. G. E. Crane, and was given away by her grandmother, Mrs. Perdriau. She wore an embroidered dress of soft ivory silk, made en princesse, with yoke and sleeves of tucked ninon, and a tucked panel laced with silver. The bodice was draped with rose-point lace. Her bouquet of white flowers and ruby earrings were the gifts of the bridegroom. She also wore a veil and spray of orange blossom, and, a cameo pendant, the gift of her grandmother, the late Mrs. G. E. Crane. The two bridesmaids (Miss Sylvia Crane and Miss Sophie Mackenzie) wore princesse dresses of Swiss embroidery over pale green and mauve respectively, with white coalscuttle bonnets trimmed with large roses and ribbons to match their dresses. They carried silver crooks wreathed with pink and mauve sweet pea, and wore gold bangles, gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. W. H. Bradbury acted as best man, and Mr. E. G. E. Crane as groomsman. After the ceremony Mrs. Crane entertained the guests at afternoon tea at the manse. During the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mackenzie left for their honeymoon in Sydney. The bride travelled in a navy blue serge coat and skirt, braided with black, and a black hat with pale blue roses.

At St. Stephen's Church, Newtown, on November 17, 1909, the marriage of Mr. A. E. Wardell with Miss Florence Alger, was solemnised by the Rev. W. L. Langley. The bride wore an Empire dress of ivory white Japanese silk, trimmed with net and applique, and the train with Chantilly lace. Her embroidered tulle veil was arranged over a wreath of orange blossom, and her shower bouquet and diamond tiara brooch were gifts from the bridegroom. There were five bridesmaids—Miss R. Thomas, in ivory white Japanese silk, made en princesse, and trimmed with embossed lace and net; she carried a red bouquet, and wore a diamond and ruby brooch, gifts from the bridegroom; the Misses Gladys, Madeline, and Ruby Alger (sisters of the bride) were dressed alike in ivory white silk, with Paris lace and insertion, and wore sprays of bebe roses on their hair. The bridegroom's gifts to Miss G. Alger was a red bouquet and a gold watch, and to the Misses Madeline and Ruby Alger, gold brooches and baskets of pink flowers. Marjorie Iddles (niece of the bridegroom) was train-bearer, and wore a dress of book muslin, and a wreath of lilies of the valley in her hair. Her crook and gold brooch were gifts from the bridegroom. Mr. C. Pounceby was best man. After the ceremony the bride's parents held a reception at the Manchester Unity Hall. The honeymoon was spent at Katoomba, the bride's travelling dress being of pale blue Shantung silk, richly braided, and trimmed with embossed lace and net, and a cream silk crinoline hat, with touches of pale blue.

On Saturday evening, December 4, a wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Philip Harper, of Corney Town, Lithgow, the Rev. J. Oliver Dick, of St. Mary's Presbyterian Church Lithgow, solemnising the marriage of Alice Florence Smith, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Smith, of Corrimal, South Coast, and adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Harper, of Corney Town, with Mr. George Edward Collidge, late of Hobart, Tasmania. The bride wore white silk, and a tulle veil and coronet of orange blossoms. An engraved ring and her shower bouquet were gifts from the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Mabel Sarah and Miss Grace Queanbeyan Morris. Mr. James Jones acted as best man. After the ceremony a wedding tea was held.

Miss Adkins gave an "at home" and exhibition of pupils' work at the Town Hall, Bowral, on Monday and Tuesday of last week, when the pupils' charcoal studies and oils were displayed, and consisted of still life, flowers, and sketches from nature. Particularly noticeable was a collection of wood-carving, including furniture, both useful and ornamental, for the most part designed by Miss Adkins. Numerous articles in leather, poker work, stencilled fabrics, etc., found ready purchasers. Refreshments were dispensed in the vestibule. Amongst those who accepted invitations were:—Mrs. P. Throsby and Miss Throsby, Mrs. Miller, Miss J. Young, Mrs. and Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Gerald Campbell, Mrs. and Miss Row, Mrs. Badgery, Mrs. Morrice, Mrs. Fitz Hill, Mrs. Laidley, Rev. E. and Mrs. Hargrave, Mrs. Southey, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Vallack, Mrs. Bagot, Dr. and Mrs. Alsop, Miss Morgan, Mrs. and Miss Blomfield, Dr. Crawford, Miss Clift, Miss Wray, Mrs. Wood, Rev. J. H. and Mrs. M'Goun, Mrs. Cyril White, Mrs. de Gyulay, Mrs. and Miss Brenan, Mrs. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin George, Miss Galbraith, Miss Machardy, Mrs. M'Kay, Miss Gerard, Mrs. V. B. Riley and Miss Riley, Mrs. Watson, Captain and Mrs. Lloyd, Colonel, Mrs., and Miss Taunton, Miss Stoddart, Miss Quigley, Miss Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Oxley, Mrs. Cottee, Mrs. Wearne, Mrs. King.

At St. Thomas' Church, Lewisham, on November 20, the Rev. Father Phelan solemnised the marriage of Mr. John Robert Warburton, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Warburton, of Waratah, Watson-street, Bondi, with Miss Anastasia Maud Ryan, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ryan, of Leyton, Nelson-place, Petersham. The bride wore a princess dress of ivory chiffon glace silk, trimmed with silk fringe and lace, and panel front richly embossed; also a wreath of orange blossoms, and an embroidered tulle veil, and carried a shower bouquet, which, with a pearl brooch, was the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss G. Long and Miss Mary Burrows (cousins of the bride). They wore Empire dresses of white organdi muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and lace hats. Their shower bouquets and gold brooches were gifts of the bridegroom. The two little trainbearers—Miss Dorothy Whitelaw (niece of the bride) and little Miss Lucock (cousin of the bride) were dressed in white silk, trimmed with fine torchon lace, and lace hats, and carried baskets of flowers, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. J. Macpherson acted as best man, the groomsman being Mr. V. Caldwell. A reception was afterwards held at the Empire Hall, where about 100 guests were present. The bride's travelling dress was lavender chiffon glace, with a white straw hat with feathers.

Last Saturday week a large picnic was given at Throsby Park by Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Throsby, of Throsby Park, Moss Vale. Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Osborne, Annally; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fosbery (Melbourne). The luncheon was spread out under the willow trees in the grounds of this very old residence, which as long ago as 1868 was used as the country seat of the Governor, Earl Belmore. A large number of residents and visitors were present. In the afternoon a cricket match was played amongst the men, captained by Mr. F. H. Throsby and Captain A. F. Lloyd, resulting in a win for the latter's team. Mrs. Throsby arranged numerous races and games for the children. Amongst those present were:—Colonel and Mrs. Gerald Campbell, Captain and Mrs. Arthur F. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Arnott, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Throsby, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Row and Miss Row, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Miller and Miss Joyce Young, Miss Edith Stevenson, Mrs. P. H. Throsby and Miss Eileen Throsby, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Zouch, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Badgery, Mr. C. A. S. Davidson, Mrs. Murray White, Mrs. F. J. Lytton-Hitchins, Mr. Throsby Young, Mr. J. F. de Meyrick, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gardiner, Mr. C. Young, Mr. N. C. de Meyrick, Mr. Harris, and many others.

Miss Sylvia Blackston, who has lately returned from England, entertained a number of friends at afternoon tea at the Australia last week, and expressed her pleasure at the warm welcome extended to her. Miss Blackston is one of the few Australian artists who have had the distinction of singing before and being presented to Royalty. The hostess wore a handsome Princess dress of deep ivory Irish lace, and a hat of silver Tagel straw lined with cyclamen pink silk, trimmed with shaded feathers of pink and silver.

At the Richmond Methodist Church last Tuesday Mr. Lewis Smith, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Kurrajong Heights, was married to Miss Maude Sly, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sly, Richmond, the Rev. A. Thompson being the officiating minister. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion. The bride, who was attended by three bridesmaids (the Misses Smith and F. Sly), wore a cream voile trimmed with applique, and an embroidered tulle veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and was given away by her father. Mr. C. Sly, junior, was best man. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon at Manly.

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THE CHURCHES.

The religious bodies have been marking the Christmas season by acts of charity, benevolence, and special services. During the week much has been done to relieve suffering and brighten homes where before was darkness. Large numbers of families were assisted by parcels of groceries sent by the C.M.M. Sisters of the People and other societies. This form of help has provided many a needy home with a few good meals. Special services are being held in most of the churches to-day and to-morrow.

Archdeacon Lewis, of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale, has been appointed diocesan commissioner for 12 months, to visit the various parishes, with the object of collecting a sum of £5000 for diocesan purposes, chief of which are the enlargement and endowment of St. John's Theological College, Armidale, the augmentation of the Church Extension (Home Mission) Fund, and of the Clergy Provident Fund. The rapid and extensive settlement taking place in the north-east of the State means a continuous increase in the work of the church in the diocese. Hence the Archdeacon's appointment.

St. John's Church, Rockdale, has just been furnished with handsome seats. They were dedicated by Archdeacon Gunther, V.G., on Wednesday evening. The Archdeacon in the course of his address said the best of everything in painting and sculpture, and all work should be used in the service of God, for all came from God. In referring to churches he did not think Sydney itself needed more, but she wanted more frequent services, and free and open churches. After the dedication was over evensong was conducted by the Precentor, who had brought down the Cathedral choir. He also gave an address. Rev. R. L. Bowers, the incumbent, leaves Rockdale for the parish of Mulgoa at the end of the year.

The first meeting of the provincial council of the Church of England Men's Society for New South Wales was held at the A.B.M. rooms on Wednesday, and Rev. W. L. Langley presided. Arrangements were made for the organisation of the society's work throughout the State, and an executive was appointed. Rev. H. Saumarez Smith and Messrs. F. H. Molesworth and A. J. Willgoss were elected secretaries, and Dr. Trindal treasurer. It was decided that the offices of the society should be located at Vickery's-chambers.

At the State council of the N.S.W. Alliance, held last Monday, Rev. Canon Boyce reported the action of the recent Anglican Synod in reference to no-license, which he declared was a wonderful piece of unanimity. Considerable appreciation was manifested amongst members of the alliance at the stand taken by the synod, and the following resolution was carried:—"That this State council expresses its great gratification at the increasing growth of temperance sentiment amongst both the clergy and laity of the Anglican Church, as manifested by the vote upon the no-license resolution adopted by the recent synod, and confidently hopes to see that great Church actively supporting the efforts of the alliance in the forthcoming no-license campaign."

To close the year a very pleasant reunion of the Surry Hills branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, identified with St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, was held at the school hall, Albion-street. Several presentations were made, one being to the president, Mrs. J. N. Manning, another to Miss Tuck for special services rendered, and others to the Rev. Dr. J. N. Manning from the Gleaners' Union, and from the confirmees' class. Following the presentations came refreshments and a musical evening, interspersed with recitations.

The five days' mission for Italians held in St. Mary's Cathedral by permission of Cardinal Moran was largely attended. It was conducted by the Rev. Father Caucci, missionary for the Italian immigrants, and the Right Rev. Monsignor Petrelluzzi, who officiated on alternate nights. The mission was very successful. It was closed on Sunday morning, and at the Mass, celebrated by Monsignor Petrelluzzi, assisted by Father Caucci, about 150 Italians received Communion. Afterwards both priests referred to the kindness extended to their mission by the Cardinal and Monsignor O'Haran.

On Saturday afternoon last, at St. Francis', Paddington, 176 children and adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Coadjutor Archbishop Kelly. On arrival at the church the Coadjutor Archbishop was received by the Very Rev. Father J. L. Begley (Commissary-Provincial of the Franciscans), Rev. Fathers J. S. Joyce, O.F.M., G. P. Birch, O.F.M., J. Larkin, O.F.M., C. A. Hyland, O.F.M., and M'Namara, O.F.M. A large congregation was present, being principally composed of the relatives and friends of those confirmed. Ex-Superintendent Martin Brennan was sponsor for the boys, and Miss Rose Collins for the girls.

At St. Peter's Church, on December 11, the Coadjutor-Archbishop administered confirmation to 152 school children and 62 adults.

The Rev. John Kinghorn, pastor of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, North Sydney, was on Wednesday night presented with new clerical robes by the members of his congregation as a Christmas gift. The presentation was made by Mrs. Gourlay, who expressed recognition of the esteem in which Mr. Kinghorn was held by his parishioners.

A petition from the Rev. George Edwards, to be received as a minister of the church, has been referred by the Sydney Presbytery to the Presbytery's committee on the reception of ministers for report.

Seventy pounds was collected at a golden offering to assist in the reduction of the debt on the Presbyterian Church at Pymble.

The Rev. W. J. Holt and Mrs. Holt, of St. Marys, leave for India and Ceylon on holiday by R.M.S. Otway to-day.

On a recent Sunday morning the members of the Woman's Crusade, connected with the Rescue Work Society, spoke to 68 men and women in the cells of the various city police stations, and distributed tea and bread and butter to them.

OUR DECADENT VOLUNTEERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Judging from the memorandum on Australian military defence just issued by the Minister (Hon. Joseph Cook), there is apparently food for thought when one learns that the volunteers went from a strength of 11,158 of all ranks to the insignificant number 5821. At the inauguration of the Commonwealth in 1901, the volunteers were a most enthusiastic and highly efficient arm of our defence forces, but to-day, through the criminal apathy and disregard of the powers that be, volunteering has rapidly declined to a ghost of its former self. Our Federal politicians are eternally harping on the matter of an efficient national defence, yet make no headway, or even endeavour to enlighten our darkness as to where we are to obtain the 300,000 properly trained, armed, and equipped men absolutely necessary to protect this fair land when the enemy is thundering at our gates. The treatment meted out to the volunteers must undergo a radical change if their services are to be retained. They are a most necessary factor, and after the very small number of 17,973 militiamen available, it must appear that our only hope lies in the volunteers when the guns begin to roar. We surely cannot live eternally in a fool's paradise; and this we seemingly are doing when their services are viewed with indifference, and treated with sublime ignorance and crass neglect.

I am, etc,
Dec. 13. CHARLES W. WHITFORD.

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A WORD OF WARNING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—At the teachers' conference on Tuesday last the following resolution was, according to your report, carried with enthusiasm:—

"That in the opinion of this conference full political and civil rights should at once be granted to Civil servants, provided that no Civil servant makes political use of information gained in his official capacity, or publicly criticises the administration of his own department."

The mover of the motion was, I believe, recently the recipient of a testimonial, when several Labour members of Parliament were represented. During the discussion on the motion one speaker is reported to have made the following remarks:—"When the elections come on I will go to the political meeting with a Hindoo on one side and a canecutter on the other side. They can ask a question, but I dare not—but I will," etc. Does this mean that the regulations of the department prohibit a teacher from asking questions at political gatherings, but that in defiance of the regulation he will do so? If so, where is the departmental control? Another speaker stated that at present teachers did take an active part in politics. Civil servants enjoy the privilege of manhood suffrage, and few people desire to deprive them of the privilege, but it is quite another question whether they should be allowed to develop into political agitators and stump orators. Public opinion will, I am sure, agree with me in submitting that school teachers especially have a greater and nobler mission than to be mixed up in the turmoil and intrigues of political life. Any active interference in politics on their part is bound to bring them into trouble, lessen their influence, and make their work more difficult and less effective. They should always remember that they are the paid servants of the State, and as such have no right to dictate the policy of their own or any other State department. The possibility of a State-supported electioneering agent in every hole and corner of the country is not a cheerful prospect ahead. This new demand of the teachers, however, brings such a calamity into view, and what would follow who can say? A combination of Civil servants and labour unionists in the interests of the political party that offered the highest price would be an interesting problem to the unfortunate producers and others who pay the piper. The numerous and liberal concessions made to teachers in recent years do not appear to have had the desired effect.—I am, etc.,

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AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, 3.30 P.M.,

SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY.

LIBERAL TERMS. TORRENS TITLE.

LITHOGRAPHS OBTAINABLE FROM THE AUCTIONEERS.

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RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., AUCTIONEERS. (4947)

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DELLWOOD ESTATE.

FRONTING THE CRESCENT, LAURENCE and MARGARET STREETS, and THE ESPLANADE,

comprises the GROUNDS SURROUNDING the RESIDENCE of Mr. CHARLES A. LAURENCE.

THE DELLWOOD ESTATE embraces EXCEPTIONALLY WELL SITUATED LAND, in an EARLY SELECTION made by the OWNER when MANLY was a mere seaside village, as it is now TOTALLY BUILT UP TO (no land being available between the property and the steamer pier). The Owner has DECIDED TO SUBDIVIDE the BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT GROUND into GOOD-SIZED BUILDING SITES, the DEMAND for which is CONSIDERABLE, whilst the SUPPLY is very LIMITED. This Sale affords ONE of the LAST OPPORTUNITIES to ACQUIRE a SITE for a SEASIDE HOME.

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THE ESTATE enjoys UNINTERRUPTED VIEWS ACROSS the HARBOUR THROUGH the HEADS on to WATSON'S BAY.

*** All the Land has an Easterly Aspect, and is protected from the North-easter in Summer and the Westerly Winds in Winter.

A BUILDING COVENANT of £400 is imposed as a protection to buyers of Sites on the Estate.

LITHOGRAPHS IN COURSE OF PREPARATION.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND AT 3.30 P.M.

SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY NEXT.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., 98 PITT-STREET, AUCTIONEERS. (4967)

COWPER WHARF FRONTAGE.

A RAPIDLY IMPROVING SHIPPING CENTRE, WITH LARGE PROSPECTIVE VALUES.

A VALUABLE STORE SITE, having 27ft 2½ inches to COWPER WHARF, and 27ft to BLAND-STREET, with a depth roughly of 56ft 8in on one side, and 55ft 5in on the other, on which is situated a Cottage, No. 57 Cowper Wharf, built of brick on brick foundation, has verandah in front, and contains 4 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and washhouse, detached shed. The property is situate on the wharf frontage between Forbes and Dowling streets, and is the next property but one to the Sydney Morning Herald Bulk Stores. Title Torrens.

By Order of the

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD.,

Exors. Estate late Mrs. J. B. LLOYD.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will sell by auction at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above property, COWPER WHARF, CITY. (4959)

SUTTON FOREST, NEAR MOSS VALE.

A compact DAIRY FARM, comprising Lots 20 to 22, Underwood's Flat Subdiv., in area 51 ACRES and 14 PERCHES, fronting the MAIN ARGYLE-ROAD and a road on one side, and adjoining the Country Residence of Chris. Bennett, Esq. The improvements consist of a Dwelling of weatherboards on brick foundation, and comtg. hall, 7 rooms, and kitchen, with all necessary outbuildings, including cowshed, stable, pigsties, etc. Portion of the area has been cultivated, and the property is well watered.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will sell by auction at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

The above Farm Property at Sutton Forest.

About 36 acres of the area has been cultivated, and a small portion laid out as orchard and garden.

J. A. RICHARDSON, Esq., 98 Pitt-street, Solicitor to the Estate. (4957)

By Order of the Executors of the Estate late SAMUEL KEEP.

NORTH BOTANY FREEHOLDS.

MARKET GARDEN (occupied by Mr. R. Goddard), in Canal-street (late Bicketty-street), area 3 acres 3 rs., 1¼ per.

COTTAGE, in KENT-ROAD, a few feet from Canal-street.

CORNER SITE, Kent-road and Canal-street.

THREE LARGE BUILDING SITES, in Canal-street, a few feet from Kent-road.

SMALL ALLOTMENT in Canal-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisements. Plan on view.

Messrs. ABRAM, OLD, and JONES, of O'Connell-street, Solicitors of the Estate. (4962)

ANGLO PARK ESTATE, CHATSWOOD,

about 8 minutes from Railway Station.

TRIANGLE BLOCK OF LAND, Lots 32, 34, and 35, Sec. E, having 247ft 4in on VIEW-STREET, and 170ft 3in to a wide lane, the base line being 164ft 8in. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, January 14, at 11.30 a.m., the above Building Blocks, in a choice position at Chatswood. Plan at Rooms. (4971)

BONDI, CLOSE TO THE BEACH.

A BUILDING SITE, Lots 12, 13, and 14, Sect. 1, Queenscliff Estate, having 236ft 3in frontage to ROSCOE-STREET, and about 200ft to O'BRIEN-STREET, depth on gateline 137 feet. Torrens Title. Plan on View at the Rooms.

AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4965)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

SUBURBAN PROPERTIES.

LOT 1.—DUNDAS, only a few minutes' walk from this Station (Clyde to Pennant Hills line), BLOCK OF LAND, 6ac 2r 37p, at the corner of Kissing Point-road, Elder's-road, and Calder's-road. With Shop and Dwelling thereon.

LOT 2.—DUNDAS.—Two Blocks of Land, in area 5 acres and 27 perches, at the corner of Kissing Point-road and Leamington-road, opposite Lot 1. Part is planted with fruit trees.

LOT 3.—DUNDAS.—Block of 4ac 1r 27p, fronting Leamington-road, and extending back to a creek, and adjoining above.

LOT 4.—PENNANT HILLS.—Subdivision Block of 6ac 2r 14p, inclusive of a road 20ft wide (under one acre), known as Jurd's Grant, parish of Field of Mars, having frontage to the main road, Castle Hills to Pennant Hills Portion has been cleared. *** Situate about 2½ miles from Pennant Hills Railway Station.

LOT 5.—HAWKESBURY RIVER.—Portion 110, parish of Spencer, county of Northumberland, known as T. Foody's 40ac. Grant, fronting the northern bank of the Hawkesbury River, east of Gundaman's Creek. On it is a W.B. Cottage, etc. Torrens.

LOT 6.—MACDONALD RIVER.—40ac., being portion 6, parish of St. Alban, county of Northumberland.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the ROOMS, on FRIDAY, 14th January, at 11.30 a.m.

The above, fuller particulars in a future issue. Particulars of Title may be obtained from Cope and Co., Solicitors, 14 Castlereagh-street. (4958)

In the Estate late Mrs. CATHERINE MIDDLEMISS, ST. PETERS.

A DETACHED COTTAGE, known as "ATOCA," No. 14 LYMERSTONE-STREET, between Cook's River-road and Unwin's Bridge-road. Land, 53ft 4 inches x 230ft. Torrens Title.

In the Estate late Mr. ROBERT MIDDLEMISS, NORTH BOTANY.

A Well-known MARKET GARDEN, in area 6 ACRES 27 PERCHES, fronting KENT ROAD (a few yards north of Coward-street, and situate west to Botany-road), extending back to the Resumed Shea's Creek, together with the Cottage thereon, occupied by Mr. E. Middlemiss.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Properties. Full particulars in a future issue. (4964)

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ON NORTH SYDNEY RAILWAY LINE, 823FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL, AND ONLY 35 MINUTES' RUN BY MANY TRAINS DAILY.

New, Attractive, Substantial, and Well-designed COTTAGE RESIDENCE (of brick, slate roof, wide verandah front and side), in COONANBARRA-STREET, within 3 minutes of Wahroonga Station. The LAND has about 60ft frontage, with a depth of 190ft.

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The above, full particulars of which will be published in a few days, in the meantime inspection invited.

HENRY DAVIS, Esq., Moore-street, is Solicitor for Owner. (4973)

MUNICIPALITY OF CANTERBURY.

SIXTY-SIX ACRES OF LAND, fronting BELMORE ROAD, and extending to SALTPAN CREEK, with Slab Cottage, etc., thereon. Part of the area is used as a MARKET GARDEN, the balance is good arable land.

The situation is only one mile from Punchbowl Railway Station (Belmore to Bankstown Line).

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The above, worthy the attention of Capitalists, Speculators, Land and Building Societies. Plan on view. Torrens. (4972)

ORANGE GROVE ESTATE, LEICHHARDT.—Lot 35, having 50ft frontage Grove-street, near Balmain-road, depth 99ft.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, at 98 PITT-STREET, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4968)

ATOCA-STREET, RANDWICK,

between Post-office and St. Jude's Rectory.

TWO ALLOTMENTS of LAND, No. 2 has 40 feet frontage, depth of 223 feet to 194 feet, 28 feet width at rear; the other is triangular, has 72½ feet frontage, depth 222 feet, no-row width at rear. A central, convenient spot in Randwick. Terms Cash, or Liberal if desired.

PLAN ON VIEW.

J. A. L. PERRY, Esq., 16 Elizabeth-street, is Solicitor to the Trust.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 21st JANUARY, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4969)

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES ESTATE LATE MRS. FITZGERALD.

LOT 1.—REDFERN FREEHOLD, SHOP, No. 153 BULLANAMING-STREET (a little south of Redfern-street), and small COTTAGE at rear. RENTAL, £46 10s per annum. Land, 25ft by 92ft.

LOT 2.—ALEXANDRIA.—COTTAGE, No. 105 WYNDHAM-STREET, south of Raglan-street. Land, 19ft x 99ft. Leasehold, 30 years to run at a ground rent of £3 3s per annum.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, January 28, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above.

Messrs. COLLINS and MULHOLLAND are Solicitors of the Estate. (4970)

HURSTVILLE AND PENSHURST.

SUBDIVISION SALE

of

¼ ACRE AND ½ ACRE BUILDING BLOCKS,

fronting

MATTHEWS-STREET, LAYCOCK-ROAD, and BELMORE-ROAD.

ON THE HILL,

described as

DUDLEY PARK ESTATE.

Torrens Title and Most Liberal Terms.

AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, 3 O'CLOCK, SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., 98 PITT-ST, Auctioneers.

THE SALE OF

RATHLIN ESTATE, PETERSHAM,

in GOOD BUILDING SITES, will be held, on the Ground, in FEBRUARY NEXT.

TITLE will be TORRENS.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

Preliminary Notice.

BY ORDER OF

THE PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF N. S. WALES, LIMITED,

TRUSTEES under WILL of late WM. LONG, Esq. (LADY MARTIN TRUST).

LOT 1,

Almost adjoining the General Post Office, the business throb of the City.

A SPLENDID SITE,

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SHOPS Nos. 378 and 380 GEORGE-ST. tenanted by Beale and Co., Ltd., and Chisholm and Co., on short tenancies.

To be Sold as one Lot, viz.:

BLOCK A.

49 feet to GEORGE-STREET, depth 78½ feet through 45½ feet to reserved private passage, 22ft wide (leading to George-street),

and connecting the George-street Block with

BLOCK B,

situate immediately opposite and in continuation thereof on the other side of the private passage, to which it has

21 feet Frontage,

Average Depth, 80ft.

BLOCKS A AND B

will be sold with the Vendors' right (if any) of connecting same by Over-bridge.

TORRENS TITLE.

LOT 2.

GEORGE-STREET, near HUNTER-STREET.

THREE SHOPS, Nos. 298, 300, and 302, tenanted by Phillip and Son, H. E. Finch, and G. H. Smith and Son.

Land 48 feet x 48 feet.

On East side of Street.

LOT 3.

COLLEGE-STREET, HYDE PARK.

FOUR RESIDENCES, Nos. 18 to 24,

Suitable for Doctors' or other Chambers, and handy to the City and Tram Services.

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Lady Northcote's Look-Out,
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THE FINEST CLIFF FRONTAGES, WITH LEVEL BUILDING AREAS ON THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

ALSO EXCELLENT SITES, FACING OVER LILIANFELS' GROUNDS.

SEVERAL LOTS FRONTING THE THREE SISTERS PUBLIC PARK, AND SOME BEAUTIFUL CORNERS.

Grand, Majestic Views over The Jamieson, Mount Solitary, Leura Glen, and Echo Point.

SPECIAL TERMS OF SALE.

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} Are splendid blocks for Dairying or Cultivation.

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SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM ONE TO FOUR ACRES
BESIDES TWO MAGNIFICENT CLIFF FRONTAGES AT NARROWNECK

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PLANS READY.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1910.

HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.
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WEST-STREET, DARLINGHURST,

CLOSE TO LIVERPOOL-STREET AND BELLEVUE TRAM 1d SECTION.

LOT 1.—No. 33 WEST-STREET.—DETACHED COTTAGE, of brick, with slate roof, having verandah, 4 rooms, 2 attics, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, and washhouse, let at 20s per week. Land, 40ft x about 80ft on one side and about 70ft on the other, with back entrance.

LOT 2.—Nos. 35 and 37 WEST-STREET.—2 SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES, of brick, with slate roof, each verandah and balcony, 3 hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse, let at 14s each, or 47s 10s yearly for the two. Land, 30ft x depth of 87ft on one side and 80ft on the other, with back entrance.

Vendor's Solicitor, J. B. FRAWLEY, Esq., 84 Elizabeth-street.

HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above by Public Auction, at their Salerooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1910.

BY ORDER OF MORTGAGEES.

SALE BY AUCTION OF A VALUABLE MINING PROPERTY

(THE WELL-KNOWN NYMAGEE COPPER MINE).

HARDIE and GORMAN have been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th January, 1910, at their Rooms, Number 133 Pitt-street, Sydney, at 11.30 in the forenoon, the undermentioned pieces or parcels of Land in the County of MOURAMBA, under the Real Property Act, 1900, together with such of the machinery as is included in the Mortgage:—

Area.	Portion.	Parish.	Being the Lands comprised in	
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60 acres	1	Priory Plains	Crown Grant, 747	24
320 acres	11	Priory Plains	Crown Grant, 747	25
160 acres	22	Priory Plains	Crown Grant, 747	26
60 acres	23	Priory Plains	Crown Grant, 747	27
70 acres	part of 2	Priory Plains	Cert. of Title, 788	229
60 acres	10	Priory Plains	Crown Grant, 689	99

Also,

2 Roods, Allotment 7, of Section 3, Village of Nymagee, Parish of Hartwood, comprised in Land Grant Volume 3041, Folio 204.

And

2 Roods 36 Perches, at Nymagee, in the Parish of Roset, being Lots 12, 13, and 14, Section C, Deposited Plan in the Land Titles Office, Sydney, Number 3427, and part of Portion 1, delineated in the Public Map of the said Parish, of Roset, such 2 roods 36 perches being comprised in Certificate of Title, Volume 1691, Folio 221, all the said lands being the property of the NYMAGEE COPPER, LIMITED.

The attention of INVESTORS is particularly called to the sale of the abovementioned well-known MINING PROPERTY and LANDS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Further particulars may be had of HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers, etc., 133 Pitt-street, Sydney.

DIBBS, PARKER, and PARKES, Solicitors, 92 Pitt-street, Sydney.

BY DIRECTION OF THE STATE PREMIER.

CENTENNIAL PARK LANDS,

Lot 22, Section 2,

will be offered on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1909, at 11.30 a.m., at the Rooms, 133 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

HARDIE AND GORMAN. (In-71)

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368 POURKE-STREET.

SURRY HILLS HEIGHTS, close to Albion-street, built of brick on stone, slate roof, containing 8 rooms, hall, kitchen, and washhouse, bathroom. Land, 21ft x 79ft to a lane.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1910.

The above described Property, in an improving part of city, and in a locality where Properties sell or let readily.

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THREE ATTRACTIVE RESIDENCES, in a high position, with splendid ocean views, fronting DUTRUC-STREET, RANDWICK,

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Substantially built of brick, each containing 3 reception-rooms, 5 large bedrooms, bathroom with hot and cold water, kitchen, pantry, laundry, storeroom, etc., stables and coachhouse at rear.

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The above described Investment, which is situate in a first-class Residential locality.

A MAGNIFICENT CITY SITE,

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LAND, 61ft x 70ft, the only available Block for New Buildings in this Choice Warehouse Centre.

TO LET ON BUILDING LEASE.

Rent and full particulars apply

HARDIE AND GORMAN, 133 PITT-STREET.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, HOLDEN AT SYDNEY.

No. of Plaint, No. 974 of 1909.

No. of Warrant, 133, of 1909.

Between THOMAS TUCK, Plaintiff, and JOHN RETALLACK, Defendant.

ON SATURDAY, the first day of February, 1910, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias issued herein is previously satisfied, the Registrar will sell by public auction, at the Court-house, Queen's-square, Sydney, all the Right, Title, and Interest (if any) of the abovenamed defendant of, in, and to ALL THOSE PIECES OF LAND in the Parish of Alexandria, County of Cumberland, being Lots 52 and 53 of Section 1 of Roberts' Estate, at Bondi, subject to and comprised in mortgage in favour of JOHN ARTHUR DYKES, securing £250, Reg. No. 68, Book 877, and a Mortgage in favour of HARSWORTH ROBERT WAY, securing £25. Reg. No. 872, Book 890; also, ALL THOSE PIECES OF LAND at Tempe, in the Parish of Petersham, being portions of a grant of 470 acres to THOMAS SMYTHE, and portions of Allotments 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Section 20, known as the "Cultivation Allotments" in the Tempe Estate; also, ALL THOSE TWO PARCELS OF LAND in the District of Liberty Plains, County of Cumberland, known as Lots 16 and 18 of Block "A," and part of 30P. acres granted to Simeon Lord; also, ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND, containing 2 roods and 17 perches, on the Liverpool-road, Parish of Concord, County of Cumberland, being Allotments 1 and 16 of Section "A" of the village of St. Anne, subject to and comprised in Mortgage in favour of HORACE BROUCIERTLE TILLIDGE, securing £25 17s 6d; Reg. No. 310, Book 894, also Mortgage to HORACE BROUCIERTLE TILLIDGE, securing £50.

TERMS, CASH.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1909.

T. J. CHARLTON, Deputy Registrar of the Court.

NORMAN GREGG, Plaintiff's Attorney, 90 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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THE WOODLANDS-WERRIS CREEK SUBDIVISION of this Estate, containing 11.387 acres, will be offered ON EASY TERMS,

IN LOTS, BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

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Department of Lands,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1909.

TENDERS FOR CLEARING ROADS AND REMOVAL OF SCRUB AND SMALL TIMBER FROM LAND AT COWAN.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the Clearing of about 9½ Acres of Roads, and Removal of Scrub and Clearing of Small Timber from an area of about 34¼ acres, within a subdivision of Crown Land at Cowan.

Plans, showing the roads and land in question, and specifications, may be inspected at the Railway Station, Hornsby, and the Information Bureau, Department of Lands, Sydney.

Tenders, accompanied by a deposit of £3, must be in the hands of the undersigned on or before the 15th January, 1910, and should be endorsed "Tender for Clearing Roads and Land at Cowan."

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
ROBERT McDONALD,
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS GEORGE MOULE, late of Ryde, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ARTHUR JOHN MOULE, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon the Estate of the said deceased are required to send in particulars of claim to the undersigned within such fourteen days; and all notices may be served at the offices of BEEHAG and SIMPSON, Proctors for Executor, Wentworth-court, 64 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN McTAGGART, late of Gilgandra, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SARAH BAIN, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, and creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned within the said period of fourteen days. McGUINN and McGUINN, Proctors for Executrix, Dubbo; whose Agents are ELLIS and BUTTON, Solicitors, 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil thereto of ADAM RUSSELL, late of Manly, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Contractor, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will and Codicil of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARGARET JOHNSON, the Executrix appointed by the said Will and Codicil; and all persons having any claim against the said estate are requested to send the same to the undersigned, where all notices are to be served. CHARLES BRIAN PITT, Proctor for Executrix, Royal-chambers, corner of Hunter and Castlereagh streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROBERT KELLY, late of Pendoitu, near Dungog, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM ORR SKILLEN and GEORGE NEIL, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. HOOKE and MEIN, Proctors for the Executors, Dungog. By BOWMAN and MACKENZIE, 279 George-street, Sydney.

CROWN LANDS ACTS, second edition, 1909, by BRIERLY and IRISH, embodying "Acock's Settler's Synopsis." Price 7s 6d; postage 6d. The Law Book Co., Ltd., 73 Castlereagh-st, Sydney.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.
APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue, unless Caveats be lodged in accordance with the Third Schedule to the said Act, on or before the 12th January, 1910:—

No. 15,514. APPLICANT: WILLIAM BAKEWELL, Scone. LAND: County Brisbane, parishes Park and Scone, shire Wooloomа, 3064 acres, 356 acres 2 roods, 316 acres 1 rood 20 perches, 1327 acres, 125 acres 1 rood 20 perches, 407 acres 3 roods 20 perches, and 33 acres 2 roods 30 perches,—being 640 acres (portion 7 of parish) granted to William Dumaresq, part 1280 acres (portion 2 of parish) granted to George Macleay and Henry Cavendish Danvers Butler (in trust), part 704 acres (portion 8 of parish) granted to William Dumaresq, part 701 acres (portion 6 of parish) granted to John Terry Hughes, part 876 acres (portion 4 of parish) granted to William Dumaresq, part 640 acres (portion 5 of parish) granted to William John Dumaresq, part 1196 acres (portion 3 of parish) granted to William Dumaresq, part 500 acres (portion 1 of parish) granted to William John Dumaresq, and part 794 acres (portion 12 of parish) granted to William Dumaresq; adjoining properties of G. Hall, M. A. McGregor, D. Hall, S. R. Thrift, W. Ward, Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, Trustees of Church of England, Roman Catholic, and General Cemeteries, A. Griffin, W. Bakewell, and M. E. Miller, and Crown Land.

No. 15,936. APPLICANT: IRENE FRANCES GERRARD, Sydney. LAND: Municipality North Sydney, 12¼ perches, in James-street, Town St. Leonards, now North Sydney,—lot 15, and part 16, Gerrard's subdivision, and part allotments 11, 12, section 9, granted to John McNabb; adjoining properties of —. Slack, Mrs. G. Hardie, Dr. MacKinnon, and M. G. Downes.

No. 16,182. APPLICANT: HUGH WILLIAM HAMILTON, Marrickville. LAND: Municipality Marrickville, 1 rood 34¼ perches, in Chapel-street,—parts lots 1, 2, 3, 4, section 2, Chalder's subdivision of part block R3, Petersham Estate, and part 470 acres granted to Thomas Moore; adjoining properties of Tooth and Co. (Limited), J. A. Duncan, A. Rickard, J. C. Fife, and C. N. Payten.

No. 16,192. APPLICANT: MARY MADDOX THACKER, Epping. LAND: Municipality Dundas, 3 acres 2 roods 28 perches, on Carlingford-road, Epping,—lots 15 to 21, and part 22, section 2, Cole's Estate, being subdivision of lots 28, 29, of Devlin Estate, and is part 460 acres (portion 16 of parish), granted to William Kent, jun.; adjoining properties of A. White, Mrs. Melville, and J. H. Cole.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.
W. G. H. WILLIAMS,
Registrar-General.
8th December, 1909. (1d-24)

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.
APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue, unless Caveats be lodged in accordance with the Third Schedule to the said Act, on or before the 20th January, 1910:—

No. 12,603. APPLICANT: PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited. LAND: Municipality Campbelltown, 137 acres 1 rood 8 perches, on old Menangle-road,—being 50 acres (portion 12 of parish) granted to John Smith, 55 acres (portion 11 of parish) granted to John Masterson, 30 acres (portion 10 of parish) granted to Benjamin Furber, 20 acres (portion 8 of parish) granted to John McEwen, and part 30 acres (portion 9 of parish) granted to John King; adjoining properties of Trustees late P. B. Hurley, E. H. and W. Fieldhouse, Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, and H. Chamberlain.

No. 12,604. APPLICANT: PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited. LAND: County Cumberland, parish Narellan, shire Nepean, 841 acres 1 rood on Cowpasture-road, near Campbelltown,—being 60 acres (portion 34 of parish) granted to Patrick Purcell, 400 acres (portion 33 of parish) granted to William Mannix, and part 335 acres (portion 35 of parish) granted to George Grimes; adjoining properties of Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, F. Moore, and Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

No. 12,607. APPLICANT: PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited. LAND: County Cumberland, parishes Narellan and St. Peter, partly in Municipality Campbelltown, and partly in shire of Nepean, 62 acres 1 rood 22 perches, and 1283 acres 1 rood at Kenny's Hill and on Cowpasture-road,—being 60 acres (portion 160 of parish) granted to Edward Fletcher, and parts of 700 acres (portion 32 of parish) granted to William Hovell, 550 acres (portion 31 of parish) granted to Charles Throsby, 40 acres (portion 31 of parish) granted to John Jackson, and 20ac. (portion 29 of parish) granted to William Richards; adjoining properties of Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, F. Moore, D. Fowler, E. H. and W. Fieldhouse, W. Cummins, P. J. O'Donnell, Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, and J. G. Fitzpatrick.

No. 15,562. APPLICANT: ROBERT REDRARY McKINNON, Georgetown. LAND: Municipality Waratah, 21¼ perches in Turner-street, Georgetown,—part lot 5 Turner's subdivision of lot 11 Moate's subdivision, and part 23 acres subdivision allotment 79 (portion 136 of parish) granted to Joseph Moate; adjoining properties of J. J. Fry, Mrs. A. Anstey, and A. G. Swanson.

No. 15,926. APPLICANT: MOUNT COOPER ESTATE, Limited, Sydney. LAND: County Wellesley, parish Tivy, shire Bibbenluke, 321 acres 1 rood 30 perches on Mount Cooper Creek at Mount Cooper,—being land granted as 320 acres (portion 5 of parish) to Arthur Jeffreys; adjoining property of Mount Cooper Estate, Limited.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.
W. G. H. WILLIAMS,
Registrar-General.
8th December, 1909. (1d-24)

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, December 24, 1909.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.
TENDERS for the Works, etc., specified below will be received at this Department until 2 o'clock p.m. on the dates mentioned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1909.
Erection of Timber Beam Bridge over Ghinni Ghinni Creek, Road Port Macquarie to Taree-road.
Erection of Composite Truss Bridge over Narrabri Creek, Road Narrabri to West Narrabri.
Erection of Police Station, Walbundrie.
Repairs to Stables, etc., Police Buildings, Scone. (Fresh Tenders.)
Additions to Post-office, Taree.
Additions to Post-office, Lismore.
Alterations to Post-office, Glebe.
Improvements to Public School, Bringelly.
Fittings for Manual Training and Science Rooms, Public School Camdenville.
Repairs, Renewals, etc., Post Office, Kiama.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1910.
Erection of New Telephone Exchange, Post-office, Manly.
Alterations, etc., to Public School, Attunga.
Erection of Boat Shed and Slip, Newcastle.
Erection of New Receiving Room for Laundry, Benevolent Asylum, Rookwood.
Remodelling Kitchen, Hospital for Insane, Newcastle. (Fresh Tenders.)
Increased Office Accommodation, University of Sydney.
Erection of Manual Training and Science Rooms, Public School, Bega.
Erection of New School and Residence, Public School, Cowper.
Construction of an Excavated Tank at Dunedoo, Part 2, Gulgong to Dunedoo, Mudgee to Dunedoo Railway. (Fresh tenders.)
Excavating and Levelling Site 4, between 44 and 58 Gloucester-street, Observatory Hill Resumptions.
Installation of Sanitary Fittings, etc., Post and Telegraph Office, Arncliffe.
Improvements to Teacher's Residence, Public School, Far Meadow.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1910.
Erection of Drill-hall, Newcastle.
Excavating and Levelling Site, 3 Lower Fort-street, Observatory Hill Resumptions.
Repairs, etc., Public School, Sefton Park.
Erection of Manual Training and Science Rooms, Public School, Glen Innes.
Repairs, etc., to Public School, Bomaderry.
Erection of Manual Training and Science Rooms, etc., Public School, Wollongong.
Alterations to Old Laundry, Liverpool Asylum. (Fresh Tenders).
Installation of Feed Water Heater, Hospital for Insane, Kenmore.
Fittings for the Housing of Exhibits of the Nicholson Museum in the Fisher Library, Sydney University.
Construction of Drainage Works for Mooball and Crabbe's Creek, Swamp Drainage, near Byron Bay, Second Division. (Fresh Tenders).
Drainage of Duranbah Swamp.
Construction of Inner Dam for Storage Reservoir, Water Supply, Cobar.
Alterations to Approaches, Pyrmont Bridge. (Fresh Tenders.)
Erection of Station Buildings, Part 1, Lockhart to Clear Hills Railway.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1910.
Additions, etc., to Public School, Mortdale.
Additions and Improvements to Public School, Surry Hills South.
Erection of New Building for Telephone Exchange, Post and Telegraph Office, Balmain. (Time extended.)
Alterations to Laundry, Hospital for Insane, Newcastle. (Time extended.)
Erection of New Male Admission Block, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta. (Time extended.)
Improvements to Public School, Corowa.
Improvements to Public School, Randwick.
Alterations and Repairs, Post and Telegraph Office, Woonona.
Erection of New Coal Shed for Females' Kitchen, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta.
Alterations and Additions to Post Office, South Grafton. (Fresh Tenders.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1910.
Additions to Public School, Geurie.
Additions to Public School, Manly.
Erection of Manual Training and Science Rooms, Public School, Mudgee.
(6a-46) CHARLES A. LEE.

Public Service Board,
4 O'Connell-street, Sydney,
24th December, 1909.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following POSITIONS, and should be made on a form for the purpose, obtainable at the Office of the Board, or from Clerks of Petty Sessions in country districts, and must reach the undersigned not later than the dates specified:—

MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1909.
ENGINEERING SURVEYOR, Department of Public Works. (Professional Division.) Salary, £300 per annum, with equipment, instrument, and camp allowances, as provided under Public Service Regulations. Suitable applicants already permanently employed in the Public Service will receive first consideration.
ENGINEERING SURVEYOR (temporary), Department of Public Works, in connection with Country Towns Water Supplies. The rate of pay is £300 per annum, with allowances, as provided for under the Public Service Board's Regulations.

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1910.
ASSISTANT ENGINEER (Temporary) required on the Second Section, North Coast Railway, Dungog to Gloucester. The rate of pay will be £300 per annum. Applicants should have had experience on Railway Construction Works.
By order of the Board,
(9a-63) E. A. GILFILLAN, Secretary.

Postmaster-General's Department,
20th December, 1909.

TENDERS will be received by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to half-past 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 29th December, 1909, for the Supply and Delivery of 10,000 3in x 3in Tallowwood Crossarms, with end bolts complete, at the Departmental Stores, Sydney; or at the Telegraph Yard, Buckle's Wharf, Pyrmont, as directed.

For further particulars see "Commonwealth Gazette" of 18th December, 1909.
JOHN QUICK,
Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Department,
20th December, 1909.

TENDERS will be received by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide, up to noon on Wednesday, 16th February, 1910, for the supply of Ammeters, Coils, Condensers, and Condenser Telephones.

For further particulars see "Commonwealth Gazette" of 11th December, 1909.
JOHN QUICK,
Postmaster-General.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Department of Taxation,
Sydney, 15th December, 1909.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT OF 1895," AND THE ACTS AMENDING THE SAME.

NOTICE is hereby given, that under section 30 of the "Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895," that Returns of Income received during the year 1909 for the purposes of the assessment of Income Tax for the year 1910 are required to be furnished to the Commissioners of Taxation, at their office, Custom House, Circular Quay, Sydney, on or before the fifth day of February, 1910, and all persons who are in receipt of income, and all persons liable under the provisions of the above Acts in any representative capacity to furnish returns for the purposes aforesaid, are hereby informed that the prescribed Forms of Returns are now available and (except those for Companies) may be obtained on application at any Post Office, Police Office, Custom House, Railway Station, and the Office of any Clerk of Petty Sessions in New South Wales, Stamp Duties Office, Phillip-street, Sydney, or at the Office of the Department of Taxation, Sydney.

Forms for Companies can be obtained on application at the Stamp Duties Office, Phillip-street, Sydney, or at the Taxation Office, Sydney.

All persons carrying on any business, trade, or profession on their own account are required to furnish Income Returns irrespective of the amount of their income; but unless demanded by notice in writing from the Commissioners of Taxation, a return of Income in the case of a person in receipt of salary or wages only, and who has not previously been a taxpayer, is not required if the gross annual amount of such salary or wages does not exceed £300.

All employers of labour, whether they themselves are liable to make Income Tax Returns or not, are required to furnish to the Commissioners of Taxation the name, occupation, and address of each and every employee whose salary or wage for the year 1909 aggregated £300 or upwards.

Public attention is particularly called to the following facts, viz.: That a penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds is imposed on any person neglecting to furnish the Return required of him within the time above mentioned, and that any person failing to furnish such return is not relieved from liability to the penalty by reason only that a notice to furnish the Return may not have been received by, or that the prescribed Form may not have been delivered to, such person.

The attention of owners of taxable lands subject to mortgage is invited to the necessity of furnishing the requisite particulars concerning every such mortgage, in order that they may derive the benefit of any deduction to which they may be entitled in respect of the interest on the mortgage of their lands, including improvements thereon. Without these particulars the Commissioners will not be able to make any such deduction from the Land Tax chargeable on the unimproved values of the lands.

Forms of the prescribed Return (Form K) may be obtained on application at the Offices of the Commissioners of Taxation, or the Commissioner for Stamp Duties, and should be furnished on or before the fifth day of February, 1910, before mentioned.
L. S. SPILLER
R. N. JOHNSON
C. J. SAUNDERS
Commissioners of Taxation.

N.B.—Particular attention is called to the observations and directions with the Forms of Return.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

TENDERS for the WORKS specified below will be received up to 2 p.m. on the dates mentioned. For particulars see "Government Gazette":—

DECEMBER 28, 1909.
CONTRACT 878.—Providing, Laying, and Jointing Stoneware Drain Pipes in the Western and Southern Division during the period ending 30th June, 1910. (Fresh tenders.)

JANUARY 10, 1910.
CONTRACT 906.—Construction of 4611 lineal feet of Stoneware and Cast Iron Pipe Sewers in the Municipality of Leichhardt. (Low level.)
CONTRACT 907.—Construction of 1319 lineal feet of Stoneware and Cast Iron Pipe Sewers in the Municipality of Mosman.
CONTRACT 916.—Construction of 1782 lineal feet of Stoneware Pipe Sewers in the Municipality of Ashfield.
WILLIAM HOLMES, Secretary.
341 Pitt-street, Sydney, December 21, 1909. (6b-70)

Department of Defence,
Melbourne.

MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.
TENDERS for the Manufacture and Supply of Frogs, Brown Leather, Sword Bayonet, will be received by the Secretary, Department of Defence, up till 4 p.m. on 19th January, 1910.

Forms of Tender and Conditions of Contract may be obtained, and sealed patterns seen at the office of the Senior Ordnance Officer.

New South Wales: Ordnance Department, George-street, Circular Quay, Sydney.
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South Australia: Ordnance Department, Adelaide.
Western Australia: Ordnance Department, Adelaide.
Tasmania: Ordnance Department, Hobart.
S. A. PETHEBRIDGE,
Acting-Secretary, Department of Defence.

TENDERS.

CLEARING.—Price Felling 5 Trees. To-day, 3 to 4, rear Muirvshade, Harrow-rd, Stanmore.

Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,
341 Pitt-street, Sydney,
21st December, 1909.

PETTY TENDERS will be received at this office until 2 o'clock on MONDAY, 3rd January, 1910, for:—
1. SUPPLY and DELIVERY at CROWN-STREET PUMPING STATION of C.I. PINIONS, SPUR-WHEELS, ETC.
2. SUPPLY and DELIVERY at CROWN-STREET PUMPING STATION of WROUGHT AND CAST IRON WORK, including SUPPORTS, HANGERS, COLUMNS, ETC.
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(61-71) WILLIAM HOLMES, Secretary.

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Stores Supply Department,
15 Young-street, Sydney,
17th December, 1909.

TENDERS for the Supplies and Services enumerated hereunder will be received at the office of the Stores Supply Committee up to 4.15 p.m. on the dates mentioned:—
6th JANUARY, 1910.
SUPPLEMENTARY READING-BOOKS.
PHOTOGRAPHIC and PHOTO-LITHOGRAPHIC MATERIALS, etc. PRINTING PAPERS, PART I. (Fresh Tenders.)
Tender forms and further particulars may be obtained on application.
A. BERCKELMAN,
(9b-53) Executive Member.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF NEWTOWN.
RENEWALS OF LICENSES.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Licenses issued for the erection of HOARDINGS, BILL-POSTING, and the SALE OF FISH, POULTRY, and MILK, will expire on 31st INSTANT, and that applications for Renewals should be lodged at this office, IMMEDIATELY.
A. MACKINTOSH,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Newtown, 16th December, 1909.

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AUSTEN.—The Friends of Mrs. E. S. AUSTEN and DAUGHTERS, J. and E., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON and BROTHER, Robert; to leave his residence, THIS DAY, for Rookwood Cemetery.

BARBER.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. CAROLINE AMELIA BARBER, will take place at the Presbyterian Cemetery, Yass, on MONDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock.
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BAKER.—The Funeral of the late Mr. HARRY NEALE BAKER will leave his late residence, 61 Burlington-street, North Sydney, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
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DE LANEY.—The Friends of Mrs. R. DE LANEY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, Robert De Laney; to leave his late residence, Chester, Station-road, Auburn, THIS SATURDAY, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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ELLIOTT.—The Friends of Mr. F. A. ELLIOTT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-beloved DAUGHTER, Anthoniette Gladys; to leave his residence, The Ferns, Henry-st, Penrith, THIS SATURDAY, at 1.50 p.m., for St. Stephen's Cemetery, Penrith.
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W. N. BULL, Funeral Director, City and Suburbs.

LAYCOCK.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZA LAYCOCK are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly-loved HUSBAND, Simon Oakes Laycock; to leave Mortuary Station, Regent-street, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.22, by funeral train, for the Necropolis.
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LYNN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEO. TATTERSALL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, James Lynn; to leave his daughter's residence, Murray-street, Rookwood, THIS SATURDAY, at 2.30, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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O'DEA.—The Friends of Misses DELIA and MINNIE O'DEA are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved BROTHER, James O'Dea; to move from St. Vincent's Hospice, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY, at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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RITCHIE.—The Friends of Mrs. D. RITCHIE, Junr., are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, David; to leave 9 Lawson-crescent, Alexandria, THIS DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Mortuary Station, thence for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, via No. 1 Mortuary.
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RITCHIE.—The Friends of EMILE RITCHIE and BROTHERS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, David; to leave 9 Lawson-crescent, Alexandria, THIS DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Mortuary Station, thence for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, via No. 1 Mortuary.
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RITCHIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EMILE GERARD and FAMILY, of Wilson-street, Newtown, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER and UNCLE, David Ritchie; to leave 9 Lawson-crescent, Alexandria, THIS DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Mortuary Station, thence for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, via No. 1 Mortuary.
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RITCHIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. BILL RITCHIE, of Arncliffe, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, Dave; to leave his late residence, Pickup-street, Alexandria, TO-DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.

RITCHIE.—L.O.L., 279.—The Officers and Members of the above and kindred Lodges are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of our late brother, DAVID RITCHIE, which will leave his late residence, 9 Lawson-crescent, Alexandria, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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RUBENACH.—The Friends of Mr. JACOB RUBENACH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly-loved WIFE; to leave 10 Hargrave-street, Hyde Park, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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SCHACHT.—The Friends of Mrs. SUSANNAH SCHACHT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Carl Henry William; to leave her residence, Norfolk-road, Enfield, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for St. Thomas's Church of England Cemetery, Enfield.
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SCHACHT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. FOILAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Carl Henry William Schacht; to leave his residence, Norfolk-road, Enfield, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Enfield Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

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SCHACHT.—P.A.F.S. OF AUSTRALASIA, NAPIER LODGE, No. 26.—Members of above Society are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of their late Bro., W. SCHACHT; moving from his late residence, Wentworth-street, Enfield, TO-DAY, at 3 p.m., for St. Thomas's, Enfield. C. H. LEIGHTON, Secretary.

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December 18, 1909.

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Applications, with copies of testimonials, addressed to the Matron, will be received at the Hospital up to 5 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, 30th instant, for appointment as SISTER in connection with the Nursing Staff, at a salary of £60 per annum.
Applicants must be registered under the A.T.N. Association.
THOS. HUGHES, Secretary.
December 22, 1909.

MUNICIPALITY OF BRAIDWOOD.
APPLICATIONS are invited from persons duly qualified under L.G. Act (by examination) for the position of TOWN CLERK, RATE COLLECTOR, and INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES, at a salary of £156 per annum. Applications, endorsed as such, to reach undersigned not later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 1st, 1910.
W. J. OLIVEY, Mayor.
Council-chambers, Braidwood, 23rd December, 1909.

MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPECT AND SHERWOOD.
TENDERS RE UNPAID RATES.
Written Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received at the Town Hall, May's Hill, up till 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, 28th December, for the following work:—
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SHIRE OF WOODBURN.
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Applications, accompanied by testimonials, and endorsed "Application for Shire Clerk," and addressed to the President, will be received up to 8 p.m. on SATURDAY, 8th January, 1910.

TEMORA DISTRICT HOSPITAL.
Wanted, a Certificated HEAD NURSE for the Temora Hospital.
Applicants must hold the qualifying Certificate for General Hospital Duty. Salary £52 per annum. Also, a PROBATIONER NURSE, with at least six months' Hospital Training. Salary £25 per annum. Applications, with references, received up to 28th December inst.
R. T. TUCKER, Secretary, Temora Hospital.

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L. HENRY, Secretary.

WARREN DISTRICT HOSPITAL.
APPLICATIONS are invited from Certificated Nurses for the position of SENIOR NURSE in above Institution (14 beds). Salary, £50 per annum. Fare paid if remain six months. Take up duties January 15. Applications, with testimonials, to be in my hands by January 10.
H. W. LOVETT, Secretary.

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MEDICAL OFFICER WANTED.
Applications are hereby invited from duly qualified MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS for the Position of Medical Officer to the above Hospital, salary £120 per annum and private practice.
Applications must be in the hands of the Secretary by December 27th, stating age, married or single, qualifications, and testimonials.
F. BRUNSDON, Secretary.

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE, NO. 122.
APPLICATIONS are invited from Gentlemen qualified under the Local Government Act for the Position of SHIRE CLERK, and will be received up to TUESDAY, 28th inst., inclusive. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum. Applications to be accompanied with testimonials, and to be addressed to the undersigned, endorsed "Application for Shire Clerk."
S. L. BENNETT, President.
Shire Office, The Oaks, December 18th.

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL.
SHIRE ENGINEER.
Applications are invited, and will be received by the undersigned until JANUARY 4th, from those certified under the Local Govt. Act, for the Position of SHIRE ENGINEER, at a salary of £375 per ann., with the option of taking the Sanitary Inspectorship at an additional £25. Applicants to state qualifications, age, whether married or single, and when able to take up duties. Successful applicant to provide his own instruments and equipment.
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M.—WISHING you a Happy Xmas Day ora pro M.A. Fidelis.

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WANTED, Address of TIMOTHY FALLON, late of Byrock and Temora, New South Wales, and brother of late John Fallon, baker, of Hay and Broken Hill. Information as to whereabouts if living, or if deceased. His sister, AGNES TOOMEY (nee Fallon), inquires. 20 Melrose-street, North Melbourne, Victoria.

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LOST, Thursday, Red Purse, contg. money; reward. Miss Dunstan, 94 Booth-st, Annandale.

LOST, gold-rmd. Glasses, alum., in case, close Redfern stn.; rew. Tocul, Robert-st, Strathfield.

LOST, Saturday, Skye Terrier Dog, detainer prosecuted. Roseville, Robert-st, Marrickville.

LOST, Gold Band Ring, Annie, keepsake; reward at 78 Redfern-st, Redfern.

LOST, Black and White small Fox Terrier Bitch; reward. T. Freeman, Illawarra-rd, Marrickville.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS WHISKY.

LOST, Thursday, between Railway and Bondi Junction, Leather Purse, containing 2 gold rings and 2 small bunches of keys; good reward on return to 4 Queen-street, Woollahra.

LOST, between Hodson-avenue and Cremorne Wharf, Black Velvet BELT, old-fashioned clasp. Please return,
TANE, Hodson-avenue.

REWARD.—Lost, bet. Bellevue Hill-Moore Pk. Purse, cont. money, sess. tkt. Ret. 408 Moore Park-rd.

REWARD £2, on recovery of Gunmetal Watch, silver match box, and I.O.G.T. trinket, keepsakes, dead friend. Miss SMITH, Women's Liberal Club, Equitable-building, George-street.

WILL person who took Schoolbag fr. 8.10 p.m. tram Hurstville-Syd., please ret. Perrraw, Hardy-st, Ash.

FOUND, Tuesday, Purse, ctg. money, in Washington and Soul's, Erin Villa, Bunnerong-rd, Kensington.

FOUND, a SHEEP; owner may have by paying expenses. F. Hilton, Sydney-rd, Auburn.

FOUND, Carrier PIGEON, with ring. Apply W. Cross-st, Forest Lodge.

FOUND, pair Gentleman's Trousers; owner have same paying expenses. Mayville, Kieran-st, Waverley.

RANDWICK POUND.—Roan and White HEIFER, 1 off rump.

REWARD.—Lost, Thurs. night, bet. Lassetter's and Strand, Fr. Pince Nez G. Miss Munro, Lassetter's.

SAFE KEY FOUND, Chubb's. 164 Clarence-st.

STRAYED into yard, Chestnut Colt, long tail, brand ET. Davies and Co., Lime Merchants, Petersham.

STRAYED into my paddock, Bay HORSE, no brand visible. If not claimed in seven days will be sold pay expenses.
C. R. SAUL, Forest-road, Peakhurst.

WILL Lady who Lost Parasol at Lloyd and Collins, Friday morning, call there for it.

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